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PRUGGIST'S Business for disposal; suit chemist, good prescriber, extract te-th, fit out yachts' medicine chests; seaside and town combined: proprietor (veterinary surgeon) cannot give sufficient attention, and would like to co-operate with purchaser; valuation or offer: rent nominal, by letting part. "Veterinary," Office of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST 42 Cappus Street F.C. nominal, by letting part. "V

AN old-established Business at Greenhithe for disposal, the only Chemist and Druggist's in the town; good prices obtained; long lease; house accommodation; rental only £30; excellent opportunity; coming in about £400. Full particulars of William Edwards & Son, 157 Queen Victoria Street, E.C.; of Meggeson & Co., Miles Lane, Upper Thames Street, E.C.; or of Davy, Yates & Routledge, 64 Park Street, Southwark, S.E.

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IGHT Retail and Dispensing; about £1,000; or Partnership; or Assistantship with a view to purchase; cash ready. "Suffolk," Office of The Chemist and Dauggist, 42 Cannon Street. E.C.

WANTED, a Business in Manchester, or some large town in Lanca-shire; price from £600 to £800; must bear investigation. Full particulars to "Chemicus," 1 Broad Street, Pendleton, Manchester.

N a country district within easy distance of London, a genuine improving Middle-Class Business; must have good house and garden; principals only address, giving particulars in confidence. "Bonâ-Fide," Office of The Chemist and Dauggist, 42 Cannon Street, E.C.

WANTED, immediately, a genuine Business in a country place; unopposed preferable; good house and garden; net profit about £350; home conoty; death vacancy or trial allowed; no agents. Full particulars, in strict confidence, hy letter, addressed "Tenax," Barron, Harveys & Co., Giltspur Street, London.

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18 Wardwick, Derby,

SON, 18 Wardwick, Derby, Trustee.

April 1, 1889.

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A PPRENTICE. - Dispensing Chemist and Mechanical Dentist requires a well-educated young man as above; both branches thoroughly taught. Reedman, Monument Road, Birmingham.

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PART TIME; indoors; salary nominal; student preferred. J. H., 20 Shepberd's Bush Road. London, W.

WANTED, au experienced Assistant, about 22 years of age; send full particulars. E. Lloyd, Chemist, Abergele, North Wales.

ANAGER wanted for Agricultural business, with paints and oil. Send photo and all particulars to Farmer, Chemist, Southborough. Also Improver wanted.

WANTED, Improver or Junior, in about three weeks, for good-class Retail in the country. Particulars, with photo, by letter, to I. Shields, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent.

WANTED, end of April, a good Junior; must be a Welshman; quick and thoroughly reliable. Apply, stating age, references, and salary required, to Hughes, Chemist, Bethesda, N.W.

OCUM-TENENS Wauted, about May 8, for about three weeks; give age, reference, and terms. Address, A. A. A., eare of Evans, Lescher & Webb, 60 Bartbolomew Close, London.

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WANTED, at once, Junior for Counter, Drug Department, Hay-market Stores; outdoors; hours 9 to 7; must have passed Prelim. Apply, by letter only, stating salary required, &c., to "The Chemist," 28 Haymarket, S.W.

WANTED. immediately, experienced Assistant; Scotch, religion R. C. Reply, stating age, lowest salary indoors, and enclose copy of testimonials and last reference, W. X. Y., Office of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, 42 Cannon Street, E.O.

WANTED, immediately, two Assistants, about 20 and 23; good Dispensers and Salesmen essential. State full particulars as to references and salary required (outdoors), and enclose photo, to F. Crossley, Chemist, Buxton, Derbyshire.

DISPENSER; immediate; outdoors; Mioor qualification; about 24; must be quick and thoroughly reliable, and well recommended. Apply, stating age, beight, references, salary required, and enclose carte, Wand's Drug Store, Haymarket, Leicester.

WANTED, at once, a good Junior for a Light Retail and Prescribing Business; age not under 20; must be quick, obliging, and of steady habits. Apply, stating age, beight, references, and salary required, enclosing photo, to W. Jacobs, Higb Street, Guildford, Surrey.

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FOR Chiua, immediately; qualified Junior, aged 22-24; first-class experience (including London) and references indispensable; state particulars in full detail, and if living out of London mention a London reference who might be interviewed. Address T333, Messrs. Deacon's Advertisement Offices, 154 Leadenhall Street, E.C.

MMEDIATELY; Assistant, Junior, between 21 and 25; light cash Retail; sound references required; competent to take charge when required; Dispensing, Prescribing; hours 8.15 A.M.—10.0 P.M.; partial Sunday duty (unsectarian preferred). State age, height, experience, salary, send photo, Matthews & Son, Chemists, Post Office, Cambridge Read, E.

WANTED, immediately, a married gentleman, to manage Branch, capable, energetic, and obliging; must have undeniable references srom last employer; abstainer preferred. Applicants, to facilitate engagement, must give every necessary particular; salary, £70 with furnished house. Apply, "Medicus," John Stenbouse, Esq., 24 Quilter Street, Hackney Road, London, E.

CIVIL Service Commission.—Forthcoming Examination, Assistant to the Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich (25-30), 26th April. The date specified is the latest at which applications can be received. They must be made on forms to be obtained, with particulars, from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, London,

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O Conduct Surgeon's retail. G. Walker, 6 Dale Road, N.W.

AS Improver; 2 years' experience. W. B., 73 Dennett's Road, Peckham, S. E.

AS Junior; 22; Minor; town or suhurbs preferred. W., Lawn House, Poplar.

AS Junior; 5 years' experience; aged 23. Address, A. G., 14 Fanny Street, Saltaire.

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OUTDOOR Assistant; aged 26; Mixed Country Business; disengaged. J. W. C.. Winthorpe, Newark.

A SSISTANT or Dispenser, Chemist or Surgeon; married; qualified. E. R., 35 Bond Street, Swansea.

A SSISTANT or Manager of Branch; town or country; can prescribe and extract teeth. Worth, Sheffield.

AS Junior, in Londou or suburhs; time for study; small salary. Apply, Rev. R. Barnard, High Easter, Chelmsford.

WHOLESALE or good Country Retail; long experience in both; married. T.A., 101 Watson Street, Birkenhead.

DENTISTS Manager, good references, requires immediate engagement. "Delta," 25 Bilton Place, Bradford, Yorks.

PART time or otherwise, as Dispensor to Medical Man; outdoors; good references. "Beta," 22 Burton Street, Nottingham.

A SSISTANT; qualified; good experience in Dispensing and Retail business. "Chemist," 88 Hartfield Road, Wimhledon.

AS Junior; in or out; experienced Counterman; best references. Terms to "Mars," 5 Southampton Street, Bloomsbury.

IGHT Porter or Warehouseman; aged 22; 4 years in last situation; good references. Argent, 105 High Street, Colchester.

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OCUM.TENENS or Branch Manager; 12 years' good experience; good prescriber; aged 26. P., 94 Seaside Road, Easthourne.

A SSISTANT or Branch Manager; aged 24; 8½ years' good experience; disengaged April 20th. "Alpha," 27 Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

A SSISTANT, or Manager of Branch; fully qualified; tall; good references; 7 years' experience. Mardley Bury, Stevenage, Herts.

A S:ISTANT; in Manchester or neighbourhood preferred; aged 23; good references. "Alpha," 32 Rocester Street, Queen's Park, Manchester.

WHOLESALE Drug. Sundries, or in Stores; wanted a situation in London by a gentleman (35). Apply, H. D. Jennings, North End, Croydon.

JUNIOR; town preferred; good c'ass business; abstainer; references; disengaged at Easter. Cocker, 11 Lincoln Street, Balne Lane, Wakefield.

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A SSISTANT or Branch Manager; aged 28; height 5ft. 10 in.; 8 years in last berth; first-class references. "Chemicus," 2x Colville Terrace, Gainsborough.

WANTED to place Chemist's orphan son (13) where he can make himself useful in return for board; strong and very intelligent. Rushworth, Eastoft, Goole.

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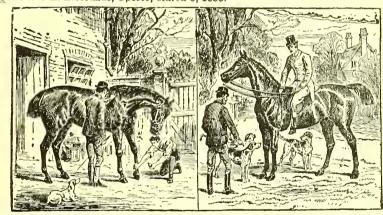
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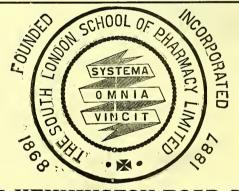
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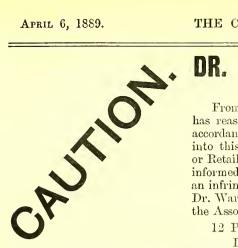
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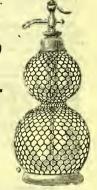
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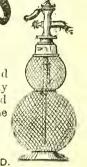
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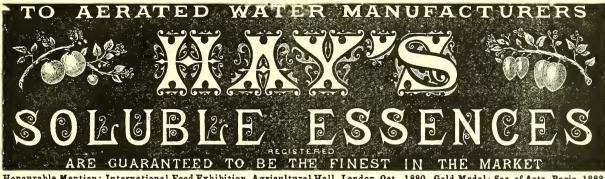
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The case was argued at considerable length by Counsel, and in the course of debate it was alleged by Counsel for the Plaintiffs that Hassall & Co.'s preparation does not contain "any trace of meat."

Mr. Clare, Q.C., who appeared for the Defendants, read the the Certificate of an Analysis as follows:—

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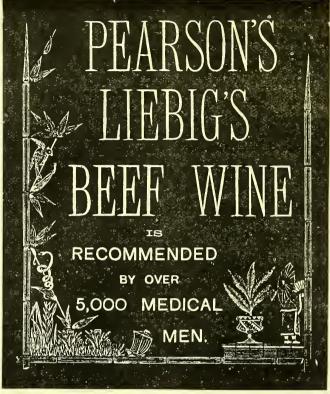
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D. PEARSON (TRADING AS LIEBIG'S WINE COMPANY), DEFENDANT.

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And the Plaintiffs by their Counsel admitting that the Defendant has paid to them the sum of Fifty Pounds for their agreed costs of this action, and the Plaintiffs and Defendant by their Counsel consenting that this motion should be treated as a motion for Judgment, and consenting to this judgment. THIS COURT DOTH BY CONSENT ORDER that the Defendant, his Agents, Servants, Travellers and Representatives be perpetually restrained from representing or stating in any way, either verbally or in writing, and in particular either by circular or spurious experiment, or otherwise, that the Plaintiff Company's Preparation does not contain Meat or Extract of Meat, or any other ingredient stated by the Plaintiff Company to be contained therein, or otherwise slandering or libelling the Plaintiff Company in their trade, or otherwise representing, or suggesting, or doing anything calculated to represent, or suggest that the Plaintiff Company's Preparation is spurious or not genuine. Liberty to apply.

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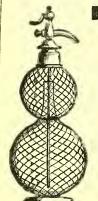
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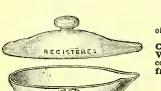
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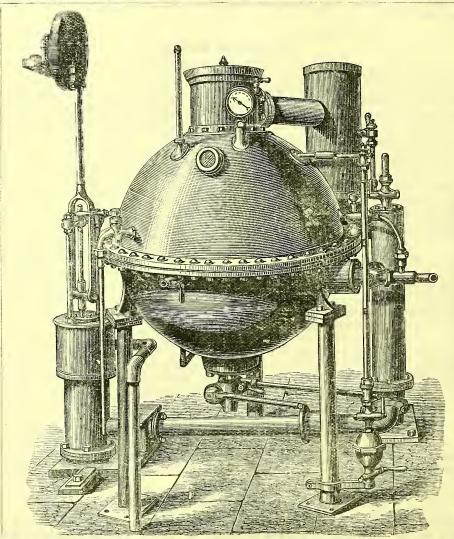
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PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

On Tuesday, in the House of Commons, Mr. C. W. Gray, member for the Maldon division of Essex, gave notice of his intention to call attention to the sale of patent medicines on April 30, and to move a resolution.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

On Tuesday Sir G. Hunter asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether it was the case that certain formulæ for new by-laws had been put forward by the governing body of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for his approval without their having been duly confirmed; whether he was aware that the said formulæ included a repetition of the demand that every member of the Council of the College to be elected in future should declare his acceptance of the existing by-laws of the College, including By-law XVII., which the general body of the members had formally declared to be a contravention of their ancient rights, and were now contesting that law; and whether he would withhold his assent to the formulæ until the provisions referred to were withdrawn, or until they had been submitted to a meeting of the members of the College.

Mr. Matthews: The matters referred to in the question are now under my consideration, and I will consult the law officers of the Crown before taking any action.

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Aloescs & pkgs ,,gourds Anise, Starchts Arrowrootcks , bxs & tins Balsamscks, &c. Bark (Cinchoua),	7,497 1,780 102 12,481 6 933 3 :1	4,543 4 330 176 12,861 7,701 431	1 423 172 40 4,95; 709 36	709 98 25 3,559 1,441 35	915 440 77 3,339 1 636 95	1.384 397 30 3.661 1,786 213
S. Americaucases bls &c. E.I., Ceylon, and Javacks	491 34,558 1,342	59,103	7 1,858 544	16,390	22 1.597 539	16,523
bls. Borax pkgs Calumba " Camphor " Cardamorns chts Cocc. Ind. bgs, & Cream of Tartar cks Cubebs bgs Dragon's Elood chts Galls, China, &c. cs Turkey sks Gums—	27,119 587 1,668 273 1,160 315 11 10 159 1 827 4,409	487 2,389 3,000 1,005 265 13 29 93 7,652 2,836	17,720 6 94 994 8 103 622 3,487	7,207 1,973	13,717 37 270 6:9 409 34 10 114 30 9 0 1,795	463 1,651 534 21 106 50 1,329 2,111
Ammoniao pkgs Animi & Copal	120	206	6	5	11	35
pkgs Acacia, Asafœtida, Benjamin, Damar,	*4 868 *24,912 402 1,972 *3,295	4.334 11 9:0 463 1,582 3,313	1,846 11,810 283 631 2,417	2,709 6,076 125 858 1,177	1,821 6 447 230 546 1,453	2,789 3,391 112 807 1,286
Galbanum, Gamboge, Guaiacum, Kino, Kowrietons Masticpkgs Myrrh, Olibanum, Sandarac, Tragacanth Indiarubber, E.I.	93 29 102 1,479 44 *553 *3,973 *879 6,380	134 53 124 672 121 455 6,0.3 1,474 4,750	42 28 16 969 19 157 3 319 293 2,663	60	42 15 1 862 6 149 2,044 271 2 019	43 29 12 570 7 141 1,130 327 1,454
Madagascar, S. American, African, &c, African, &c, Ipecac, casks & bags Jalapbls Lac Dyechts Myrabolans .tons Nux Vomica pkgs	288 76 89 5:9 493 73 5,847 7,358 640	357 52 126 694 37 163 6,920 9,:05	88 74 98 160 636 — 1,920 16	135 47 79 344 31 25 2,404 248	131 24 61 179 165 14 33 2.219 453	82 19 72 248 170 8 246 3 743 460
Oils— Anise cs Cassia, Castor cks , cs Cocoa-nut tns Olive .cks, &c. Palm tns Opium .chts, &c. Rhubarb chts Safflower bls Sarsaparilla, Senna bls, &c.	122 49 577 4 351 2 349 600 31 1,647 940 567 284 1,656	55 165 794 10,471 2 227 1.167 263 1,826 1,003 180 562 1 942	153 67 133 669 2,030 1,023 33 256 289 — 346 507	60 64 148 5,671 1,418 995 85 145 275 431 697	40 36 131 3,326 1 133 793 65 226 372 23 448 732	£6 62 245 2.715 1,007 £15 30 424 406 170 290 1,261
Shellac, Orange chts, &c. Garnet, Button,	45 051 14,554 7,306	48.790 18.887 11,250	5,877 950 2,114	14,188 5,270 2,172	7,312 1,695 2,615	7 390 1 564 2 040
Totalchests Sticklacchts, &c. Gambiertns Cutch, Turmeric, Vermilion, chts, &c.	66,911 3,853 721 3,893 3,014 25	78 927 4,431 1,872 2 172 3,496 46	8,941 437 2,168 1,914 101 58	21,630 524 2,938 1,879 1,102	11,532 411 2,604 1,275 311 45	10,594 484 2,957 650 240 23
Wax, bees'bls & srns , cks & cs cakes Wax, Japanpkis	461 1,302 35 1,056	697 1,634 42 1,861	141 1,128 18 83	53 648 24 1,274	506 943 	169 748 — 325

^{*} These returns do not include the stocks of oils of anise and cassia which are stored at Smith's warchouse and at Brewer's quay.

THE bark of Alstonia constricta is coming into use inplace of hors in foreign breweries in the manufacture of pale ale-for export unfortunately.

Metropolitan Reports.

Poisoning with Prussic Acid —An inquest was held on Tuesday regarding the death of Edward Holmes (42), lately residing at 6 Anne Street, Battersea. From the evidence it appeared that a detective came to deceased's house to arrest him on a charge of forging the endorsement on a cheque and obtaining 37l. Deceased went into his bedroom and swallowed some prussic acid. He was able to leave with the detective, but was shortly after brought back in a dying state.

LONDON COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' BENEVOLENT So-CIETY.—The annual general meeting of this society was held last Saturday in Cannon Street Hotel, Mr. Daniel R. Harvest The annual report showed the number of members to be 830. The year's income was 851*l*, 9*s*, 8*d*, and a sum of 813*l*, 17*s*, 10*d*, had been invested. Two grants of 20*l*. each had been made to incapacitated members during the year. On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Philip Sharp, the report was adopted. The following, amongst others, were re-elected members of the board of management:—Messrs. E. J. Forbes (Fry & Sons), H. A. Hall (Crosse & Blackwell), D. Macrae (Bishop & Sons), and C. J. Strother (Meggeson & Co.). The meeting then took up the question of relief for non-members. At present the society relieves only its own members, and Mr. Palmer Bryant brought forward a motion to give the board power to help outsiders, but after a long discussion this proposal was defeated by an overwhelming majority. On the motion of Mr. Tupper it was agreed to elect two annuitants next year. The meeting, which was attended by 120 members, concluded with votes of thanks to the board of management, chairman, and others; the Lord Mayor, who takes a deep interest in the society, not being forgotten.

ELECTROLYSED SEWAGE.—A determined attempt is now being made to deal with London sewage by means of electricity. Mr. William Watson has erected experimental works at the southern outfall at Crossness, the apparatus being capable of treating 12,000 gallons per hour. The principle of Mr. Webster's electrolytic system is that the compounds always present in sewage are split up into their constituent parts by the electric current passed through iron electrodes. At the positive plate chlorine and oxygen are set free and combine, with the water and the iron plate, to form bodies which act powerfully upon the organic matter, a flocculent precipitate of the impurities in suspension and in solution is formed, which, after being first carried to the surface by the hydrogen generated, gradually settles to the bottom, leaving a perfectly innocuous effluent. The effluent can, indeed, if sufficient electric power be used, be converted into an absolute disinfectant. In treating the sewage it is pu ped through a wooden shoot into settling tanks. The shoot is fitted with electrodes, and in travelling through it every particle of the sewage is brought into direct contact with electrodes. The fluid passes from the shoot to the tanks (also fitted with electrodes), where the "sludge" settles at the bottom in about two hours, the effluent being afterwards drained off. The electrodes are made of cast iron, and those in the shoot are divided into twelve sections, which can be connected either in series or in parallel, the lates themselves being connected in parallel. It is estimated that the working cost of the process, when applied to a large volume of sewage, would be about 13s. per 1,000,000 gallons, and that the whole sewage of London might be treated for about 50,000% a year. The cost of treating sewage by chemicals has been stated at from 30s. to 70s. per 1,000,000 gallons.

RIVAL HOSPITALS.—At Marylebone Police Court on Tuesday Mr. Delamark Freeman, a surgeon, of 218 Marylebone Road, was summoned on a charge of obtaining by a false pretence a letter and a shilling on February 4 last. Mr. Bodkin, who appeared for the prosecution, said that the defendant some time ago was engaged as one of the doctors at the Western Ophthalmic Hospital, Marylebone Road. Many complaints had reached the council that patients sent with letters of recommendation had been treated by the defendant, who had set up what he might call an opposition establishment, which he had called the Western Eye Hos-

pital. The Western Ophthalmic Hospital issues letters of recommendation to subscribers, who give them to poor people to be treated for their eyes. In February the complainant (Mr. Robt. Young) had a letter given to him, and he went to the Marylebone Road, and, seeing the name of the defendant's establishment written up, he went in with the letter of recommendation in his hand and saw the defendant, and asked him if he had come to the right place. The defendant answered in the affirmative, and at once proceeded to examine him. The complainant was ordered a pair of spectacles, and the defendant received 4s. for them. The complainant then handed the defendant a shilling, which he put into his pocket. The complainant afterwards discovered that he had gone to the wrong establishment. Mr. Bodkin said if the defendant would promise to change the name of his establishment so that people could not be deceived, cease to treat patients having hospital letters of recommendation, and apologise to the complainant for having taken his shilling, he would ask for an adjournment of the summons to see if the promise was kept. Mr. De Rutzen said that he would put the case back. Later on the magistrate was informed that the matter had been arranged.

THE "LIBERTY" CLUB.—This club, which is one of the social institutions promoted by the employes of Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., held its last smoking concert for the season at the Anchor Restaurant on Tuesday evening. The attendance was unusually large, over two hundred being present. Mr. S. M. Burroughs was in the chair, and Mr. H. S. Wellcome occupied the vice-chair. The programme submitted was exceptionally good, and we may safely say that everyone who took a share in the active part of the entertainment exerted himself royally to make the concluding meeting a success, and the efforts of all were well rewarded. The three pieces sung by the "Liberty" Glee Choir gave great satisfaction, especially "Phyllis dycs her tresses black." Mr. Alison Lister was in good voice (profound basso) when he sang his pieces, and the sweetness of Mr. Hilton Turner's "Queen of the Earth" was one of the features of the evening. Mr. H. Moore's comic songs again threatened to give him a monopoly of the time; he has made himself very popular. There were more than a score of vocalists, including Mr. Kirby, cashier to the firm, and Mr. A. Percy Smith, technical manager of the factory. Mr. Clay Sudlow, Mr. Jardine, and Mr. Spratlin gave pianoforte selections, the former accompanying all the singers. Mr. Sudlow also told the meeting in Max Adler's queer style all about Mr. Barker's Picture, this bringing an encore, and in responding to it he wished to speak regarding the principals. The club, he said, had begun the season in a shaky financial position, but the firm with characteristic liberality had relieved them on that score, and further encouraged them by their constant presence. He moved a vote of thanks to them, which was accorded with musical honours. Mr. Burroughs, in the course of a short speech, suggested that next winter the musical evenings should be varied by having meetings at which topics of the day might be discussed, and others at which ladies might attend, these winding up with a dance. It was always a pleasure to him and his partner to do anything which would make their employés' lives more pleasant, for after all, he continued, "our business is their business, and their interests are our interests." Mr. Wellcome said he echoed very heartily the sentiments which Mr. Burroughs had given voice to. He complimented the committee, especially mentioning Messrs. Sudlow, Kirby, and Astill (secretary), on the great success of the concerts, and referring to the incoming summer said that arrangements were being made to renew cricketing, and a boating club had been formed, of which he expected great This was not all the speaking that came off in the course of the evening. Thanks were accorded to the committee, Dr. Bernard, of the Hydrotherapeutic Establishment at Farnborough, and the Rev. Charles Hill joining heartily in these, the latter in a characteristic speech saying that if the relations between employers and employés were everywhere so amicable and generous as the "Liberty" Club enjoyed there would be no need of Home Rule. Altogether the evening was a fitting termination to the season's concerts.

A CHEMIST'S DIFFICULTIES.—In the City of London Court on Saturday the case of Gibbs v. Moore came on for hearing before Mr. H. Eardley-Wilmot, sitting as deputy-judge for

Mr. Commissioner Kerr. The plaintiffs, Messrs. D. & W. Gibbs, of Milton Street, E.C., sought to have the defendant, Mr. Albert Moore, chemist, carrying on business at 199 High Street, Fnlham, committed to prison for the non-payment to them of the sum of 10l. 9s. 7d. Mr. G. W. Thomas appeared on behalf of the defendant, who was not in attendance at the Conrt, and explained briefly to the Conrt why its order had not been complied with. He said the defendant was unable to leave his business, as he could not employ an assistant to take his place. He was entirely without means, and his position was simply this:-There was at the present time a bill of sale over all his goods. The defendant purchased his business of a chemist by paying a lump sum down, and undertook to pay a snm annually which did not expire for another year. He was paying 11. per week off the purchase-money, and was a defendant in nearly every court in London. He had no means whatever of paying the plaintiffs the amount due to them save by instalments of, he thought, about 10s. per month. The defendant had been in his present business about seven years. He paid the previous occupier out, or rather he went into partnership with the previous owner for a year and then bought him out. He was now the sole proprietor of the establishment. Mr. Moore was under an obligation to pay 40l. a year rent; he was married and had a family, amongst whom was an invalid wife. He kept no servants, and how he got on with his work he did not know. He (witness) had lent the defendant money repeatedly to get over his difficulties. He had gone through the defendant's books, and seen the whole of his affairs. The defendant's profits from his chemist's business amounted to 50s. per week, but he occasionally made profits by taking in dogs and treating them veterinarily. The defendant had been struggling for five years to keep his head above water, but found it very difficult to do so. He really could not pay more than 10s. per month. The plaintiffs said the defendant had some valuable dogs which took valuable prizes at shows. Mr. Thomas said the defendant only took them in in order to put them through a course of treatment. The learned Deputy-Judge: You had better take one or two and so pay yourself. The plaintiffs: He pays an assistant when he goes to dog shows He is in a position to pay and won't. The Provisional Registrar (Mr. Quilter) said the report of a case had just been handed him which appeared in that day's CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, in which it was stated that the defendant was committed to prison at the Westminster County Court on the previous Tuesday for the non-payment of a debt. Mr. Thomas said the defendant owed 100% to 170%. The learned Deputy-Judge said he thought a list of them should be produced, so the case was adjourned for that purpose.

Provincial Reports.

Items of news, and newspapers containing matters of interest to the trade, sent to the Editor, will much oblige.

BIRMINGHAM.

ONE of the members of the late firm of Dale & Plants has started business in the Horse Fair. Mr. Meredith, varnishmaker, bought the goodwill of their old business in Small Brook Street.

A CHEMIST snpplied for Glanber's salts snlphate of potash to a customer, who gave it to his fowls to assist them in their important duty of laying eggs. The fowls died, and the chemist compensated him for his loss, which was not small.

A CITY CONTEMPORARY relates how a chemist was called up at 2 A.M. by a man and asked for a directory to see if he had addressed a letter correctly which he held in his hand. If he would oblige him, the early correspondent would buy the stamp from him.

ACCIDENTALLY POISONED.—An inquest was held in Birmingham on Friday of last week on the body of Elizabeth Thomas (30), of Bartholomew Street. Deceased had been ill for some months past, and had been treated at the general dispensary. She had to take cod-liver oil and cough mixture, and was given a liniment to be applied outwardly.

On Thursday morning a neighbour went into the deceased's bedroom, and saw her lying on the bed in great pain. She told the neighbour that she had taken the liniment in mistake for the cough mixture. The liniment contained aconite and belladonna. The woman was taken to the hospital, where she died shortly after admission. A verdict of "Accidental death from poison" was returned.

BRISTOL.

A CHEMIST CHARGED WITH THEFT.—David Powell Evans a respectable-looking middle-aged man, was charged, at the local police court last Saturday, with stealing five books, value 10d., the property of Walter Nield. A policeman spoke to seeing prisoner take the books. When arrested he said he had taken them because he was in want. He also stated that he had been a chemist, and he had intended doing something before he went home. In answer to the magistrate's clerk, prisoner said he was a chemist and also a medical student, and had been carrying on business in Park Road. Owing to heart disease he was obliged to give up his profession. He had since been to Gloucester and Bath, and had tried to get some employment. He had been in Bristol five days, and during that time he had been to all the chemists in the city to try and get something to do. The prisoner was bound over to come up for judgment when called upon. [Evans's name does not appear on the Register.]

CHARD.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF A CHEMIST'S ASSISTANT.—Last Friday, at Chard Union workhouse, a man named Mortimer, a chemist's assistant from Plymouth, made a daring attempt to commit suicide. On Thursday night he was admitted into the casual ward, and on Friday, when the porter opened the door, he found the floor covered with blood, and Mortimer lying insensible in his hammock. It was then seen that he had a wound across his head about six inches long. The master, Mr. Pullin, bound up the man's head and stopped the bleeding until the arrival of a doctor. In answer to a question, Mortimer, who is evidently insane, said that someone whispered and told him to do it, and he got up and hammered his head against the wall until he had split his skull. His injuries are so severe that it is feared they will prove fatal.

COVENTRY.

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY has been made in the Charterhouse, originally a Carthusian monastery, which has recently come into the possession of Mr. W. F. Wyley. The house is undergoing repairs, and upon the paper being stripped off the interior wall an ancient painting of the Crucifixion was discovered. The age of the painting is apparently the same as that of the building itself—that is to say, it is about 450 years old. The room was originally double its present height, but after the dissolution of the monasteries, when the property came into private hands, it was converted into two storeys. So far the portion of the painting uncovered is the lower half, and it is anticipated that the upper part of the picture in the room above will yet be uncovered. In addition to this there are other pictures of later date, shown by the style of ornament, which, instead of being ancient English or Gothic, is classic or renaissance.

GLOUCESTER.

STATE OF TRADE.—From time to time these columns have contained notes regarding the state of the drug trade of Gloncester; a new aspect has recently taken place in the situation. The roaring lions have agreed to lie down with the lambs. The grocers finding, evidently, that cutting patents and proprietary articles for the purpose of influencing their general trade is not so satisfactory or as rosy as it appeared at first sight, have one by one put these bits of bait in the background. Some months since the Star Tea Company made a great window display of a large stock of patents. These have either been cleared out or relegated to a more distant sphere—they are now nowhere to be seen.

Another large firm of grocers, evidently finding no good to be got by lengthy advertisements in the local papers of patents at prices but a shade over cost, have sounded a truce, and the prices of many patents will be materially raised. It is to be hoped that this spontaneous action on the part of the grocers will be steadily adhered to by members of the drug trade.

HEREFORD.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.—A tacit understanding has recently been entered into between the several chemists of this city and the stores, with the view to an advance in the prices of patent and proprietary articles, and thus far the arrangement has been found to work satisfactorily, and may well be followed by the chemists of other towns.

LIVERPOOL.

Does it Pay?—About five years since a Liverpool chemist died, leaving a widow, a small family, and a business, which latter, if sold at the time, would have yielded between 7001. and 800%, but having been carried on until quite recently by trustees, has now been disposed of for (it is understood) little more than half that amount. There arc. no doubt, exceptional circumstances nuder which it is well to continue the business of a deceased chemist, but in the ordinary course of things the anxieties and responsibilities, added to the fact that the principal is gradually being consumed, justify the question, Does it pay?

THE OLD PARE CHEMICAL WORKS, which have been stopped for about ten years, are now undergoing complete demolition at the hands of Messrs. George Scott & Co., engineers, St. Helens. For something like fifty years these works were in active operation, and extensions were made until twenty acres of land were appropriated. Bad trade caused a former proprietor to close, and ultimately Messrs. Lockwood & Leith took them, and were making further building extensions when they found themselves unable to proceed. Owing to the demolition hundreds of thousands of tons of material, forming the plant and works, have been moved, some of it having been secured by local manufacturers to assist in extensions which they are making to their chemical works.

NITRATE OF SODA.—From a pecuniary point of view Liverpool is largely interested in the nitrate fields of Chili. Besides owning a large portion of the shares in the Liverpool Nitrate Company, its investors also hold considerable interests in the Primitiva, Luntaro, Tamarugal, and other companies. Commercially the interest is not so great, as no large proportion of the nitrate is landed at this port. Few people have any idea of the enormous production and demand for this article. A fortnight since on a single day no less than eleven nitrate ships arrived off Falmouth, each containing about 2,000 tons; much of this goes to the Continent, where it is used very largely as a manure for beet. It seems specially suited to root crops, but in some instances is equally efficient on grass land. About two years since it was freely used over a large field of grass and clover near this city, with the result that three crops were cut and gathered in the one season. Could not some of the chemists in agricultural districts who are complaining of bad trade extend their business by supplying nitrate of soda as a manure?

CHEMISTS' ASSOCIATION -The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 11, at three o'clock in the afternoon, this time having been selected as being more convenient to chemists in the suburbs than the usual one of eight in the evening. The topics for discussion are of trade interest, viz., the Railway Rates Bill, the sale of medicated wines, and the Curriculum Bill. All chemists are invited to attend, and as there are about three hundred enumerated in the Liverpool Directory, it is hoped that the meeting will be a large one, so as to give weight to the conclusions arrived at. The wholesale trade is equally interested in the railway rates question, and should join hands in earnest with the retailers on the present occasion. The sale of medicated wines is a matter which more directly affects the retail trade, and through it the wholesale also. As patients become convalescent, and grow tired of the "regulation doses of medicine," the doctor prescribes such restoratives as coca wine, I on Dye-wood Extracts and Similar Preparations."

iron and becf wine, &c., and the chemist who supplies these, not having an ordinary wine licence, is liable to penalties forso doing. If he refuses them, and they are obtained at the grocers or stores, the patient finds that there he can also obtain many things which he would otherwise get at the chemist's. This matter is of great importance, and will probably be introduced to the meeting by Mr. T. F. Abraham. The Curriculum Bill, though last, may not be least. From a business point of view it certainly has not received much attention, or excited much interest, but at the last meeting Dr. Symes stated that it was of considerable trade interest, and that it affected every chemist and druggist now in business, and not merely future generations, as may be supposed. An opportunity will no doubt be afforded him of proving this point. Those who purpose attending will do well to look through the recent numbers of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, where they will find all three subjects ably dealt with.

LUTON.

THE LATE MR. PETER WOOTTON, chemist and druggist, whose death we briefly recorded last week, was buried on Tuesday last, amid remarkable manifestations of the esteem and affection of his fellow-townsmen. Nearly all the leisure hours of his active fifty years in the town had been devoted to patient and loving labours, especially on behalf of children, and when his death was announced a general feeling of appreciation of these long-continued and unselfish efforts was realised. This was manifested in a funeral which became, almost without pre-arrangement, an unusual demonstration of public sympathy. A long procession of the teachers and scholars of the Sunday school which Mr. Wootton had superintended for forty years followed the funeral car, while the Mayor and Council, the School Board, aud representatives of several associations joined in this tribute of respect. The chemists of the town also formed a group by themselves in the procession. Shops were wholly or partially closed during the afternoon, and many hundreds of friendly mourners of all creeds and classes met the cortège in the cemetery. A magnificent wreath, described as a "love token," was laid on the coffin at the cemetery by a lady teacher on behalf of the Sabbath school, and the sad associations of the grave were relieved by this and some thirty other garlands, forming a picture of dazzling beauty. Among these were wreaths sent by the local associations, the Liberal Club, the Sunday School Union, Board schools in the town, Mr. Cyril Flower, M.P., the representative of the division, and Mrs. Cyril Flower, and the editorial staff of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST. The rest were sent by private friends and relatives. A simple but impressive service was conducted by two Nonconformist ministers, and this was brought to a close by the sweet singing of Montgomery's hymn beginning, "Servant of God, well done," by the Sunday-school children, a touching conclusion to a ceremony of unfading interest to, at least, some of those present.

MANCHESTER.

A DRUGGIST'S "GROSS CARELESSNESS."—In his quarterly report on the adulteration of food and drugs, submitted to the Council of the "county borough of Salford" at its meeting last Wednesday, Mr. J. Carter Bell, the public analyst, stated that during the quarter ended March 31 he had analysed 231 samples, including 5 of drugs. One of the drugs was, or, rather, ought to have been, sulphate of zinc. The powder, however, contained nothing but oxide of zinc. This, the analyst remarked, could hardly be called an instance of adulteration, but only a case of gross care'essness on the part of the druggist.

THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.—The Manchester section of the Society of Chemical Industry held its annual meeting on Tuesday night. The following were elected members of committee for the ensuing year :- Messrs. J. Angell, J. Carter Bell, R. F. Carpenter, H. Grimshaw, Dr. Grossman, P. Hart, I. Levinstein, Dr. Liebmann, Sir H. E. Roscoe, Dr. Schunck, C. Truby, Dr. Watson; Professor Dixon and Mr. G. E. Davis being elected in place of Dr. Burghardt and Mr. T. Wardle, who retired. Mr. Louis Siebold submitted "Some Chemical Notes

STOKE-ON-TRENT.

PROSECUTION UNDER THE PHARMACY ACT. - At the County Court on Monday, before Judge Jordan, Charles William Rawlins, of 69 London Road, Stoke-ou-Trent, was sued by the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain to recover a penalty of 5l, for keeping an open shop for the retailing and dispensing of poisons, he not being registered under the Pharmacy Act 1868, and also for a further penalty of 5l. for a breach of the Pharmacy Act 1852, by using, assuming, and exhibiting the name of "J. Edwards (registered by the Pharmaceutical Society)." Mr. Grainger, barrister, London, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. H. T. Boddam (instructed by Mr. E. Alcock) for defendant. 1u support of the claim for penalties it was stated that in August, 1886, the defendant purchased the business of a registered chemist and druggist named Shirley. When the transaction became known to the plaintiffs they communicated with the defendant, npon which there was a pretended transfer of the business to his step-father, John Edwards, who was a registered chemist and druggist. Subsequently Edwards died, and in reply to a communication from the Council of the Society his widow claimed the right to carry on the business as administratrix of the deceased. Mr. Grainger contended that, though the Pharmacy Act provided for the carrying on of the business of a deceased chemist by the widow, executor, or administrator, by means of a dulyqualified assistant, Mrs. Edwards was not entitled to this privilege, as the business had never been really transferred to her husband. He also urged that the Act never intended a woman to carry on such a business for the term of her natural life, but merely to allowher a reasonable time in which to dispose of it. The labels which emanated from the shop bore the name of Edwards as manager, although the defendant's name appeared ou the rate-books as tenant of the premises, which are known as the West-end Drug Stores. It was proved that on February 16 a boy named Keeling called at the shop and was supplied with two penuyworth of belladonna liniment and twopennyworth of a cough mixture which contained opium. For the defeuce it was contended that there was a bonâ-fide transfer of the business from Rawlins to his step-father Edwards, and that since then the defendant had had nothing to do with the management of the business. The business was now managed in the interests of the widow and children of Edwards by a duly-qualified assistant. His Honour was of opinion that the business never really belonged to Edwards, and that it was being carried on by and in the interest of the defendant. He accordingly gave judgment for the plaintiffs for the two penalties of 5l. each, with costs.

IRELAND.

THE CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION OF IRE-LAND (DUBLIN BRANCH).—The committee of this Association met on Friday evening, March 29, at 46 Mary Street. The members present were Mr. W. J. McNeight (iu the chair), Mr. S. P. Boyd, Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Jas. Hanson, Mr. Jas. McSwiucy, Mr. Charles Johnston, and Mr. I. J. Dowling, honorary secretary. After the election of some members, assistants and apprentices, a letter was read from the Belfast branch, stating that urgent private affairs prevented Sir J. Haslett leaving home at present, and this had the effect of delaying the conference to which the honorary secretary had been directed to invite a deputation from them. A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Francis, London, stating that he intended placing a copy of the resolution sent him regarding railway rates before the next meeting of committee. The honorary secretary was instructed to inquire from the registrar of the Pharmaceutical Society what steps they intended to take as to the rejutroduction of the Bill, the terms of which were agreed to in London last December by representatives of both bodies. The letter of inquiry to be sent to the Secretary of the Belfast branch to be signed by him also. A copy of the resolution regarding railway rates was ordered to be sent to Mr. E. M. Hodgson, asking him, as a representative of the drug trade having a seat at the Council of the Chamber of Commerce, to bring the subject under the notice of the Council as soon as convenient.

SCOTLAND.

ABERDEEN.

THE GROCER'S LICENCE is wanted by the London and Provincial Drug Store (Limited) for the sale of excisable liquors.

More Circulars have come upon us. "James Clark, pharmaceutical chemist, in assuming a partnership and full control of Messrs. J. & J. Urquhart's Lusiness, recognises the need for a complete change from former methods of charging for medicines. He will in future regulate all charges upon a minimum profit on the cost of the ingredients supplied." We are to have eighteenpennyworth of chemical food for 1s., and other leading articles at 25 per cent. reductiou. The Aberdeen Drug Stores, which are run by Mr. George White, "qualified dispensing chemist," late of Fraserburgh, give special prominence in a circular to "dispensing physicians' prescriptions." For these "the prices charged are based, not on a certain size of bottle, but on the cost price of the ingredient. The ordinary charges for dispensing mixtures are:—For 16-oz. mixtures, 1s. 4d.; usual druggist's price, 2s. 6d.; 12-oz., 1s. 2d., 2s.; 8-oz., 10d., 1s. 6d.; 6-oz., 8d., 1s. 4d.; 4-oz., 7d., 1s.; 2-oz., 5d., 8d."

EDINBURGH.

PROFESSOR BAYLEY BALFOUR is engaged on a work dealing with his favourite study—botany.

THE SENATES of the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, and St. Andrews have decided to accept, on certain conditions, the higher grade leaving certificates in Latin, Greek, and mathematics issued by the Scottish Education Department.

They were both Pleased.—Lady and gentleman in chemist's shop examining "Tucker's patent contrivance for keeping the mouth closed in sleep." He (to assistant): Do you sell many of these to husbands for their wives? Assistant (seeing lady is not relishing the joke): Yes; and we sell a good many to wives for their husbands. Lady increases her order.

DR. CARMICHAEL, clinical tutor with Professor Annaudale, has been appointed visiting medical officer to the city poorhouse in room of Dr. Siuclair, recently deceased. Dr. Carmichael had a distinguished career as a student at the University, and graduated with first class honours, obtaining his M.D. degree with a gold medal and the Syme Fellowship. The appointment does not involve very arduous duties.

MANGANESE STEEL.—At a meeting of the Royal Society on Monday night Mr. A. Crichton Mitchell read a paper on the properties of manganese steel. Its composition he stated to be iron, 85 per cent.; manganese, 13·75; carbon, 85. Its characteristics were its excessive hardness, tensile strength, and power of resistance to a tearing force. It was non-magnetic, and the processes for tempering ordinary steel had quite an opposite effect on it.

DANGEROUS LINIMENTS.—A woman in the Cowgate on Monday afternoon applied internally, instead of externally, a liniment, supposed to be Sequah's oil, which she had got for rheumatism. Result, a trip to the infirmary; recovery. Another, and older, woman from the same district died in the infirmary last weck from a similar accident. On Tuesday morning James Murdoch, manager of the British Publichouse Company's establishment in Lady Lawson Street, was found lying dead in the shop. It is supposed that he had swallowed a poisonous liniment.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.—An evening meeting of the branch will be held on Tucsday, April 9, at 8.30, Mr. Wm. Gilmour, F.R.S.E., iu the chair. The following is the programme:—(1) Note on "Methyl-orange," by D. B. Dott, F.I.C., F.R.S.E.; (2) "Action of Tartaric Acid on Mercuric Chloride," by D. B. Dott, F.I.C., F.R.S.E.; (3) "Liquor Calcis Saccharatus," by Charles Arthur; (4) "Glycerites of Ferrous Salts," by Charles Arthur; (5) "A Simple Arrangement for Rapid Percolation" (apparatus will be shown in operation), by Charles Arthur; (6) "The Colouring Matter of Green Euonymin" (with spectroscopic illustrations), by William Gilmour, F.R.S.E.; (7) Recent additions to the museum.

GLASGOW.

THE CURRICULUM POLICY.—To mark their disapproval of the policy of the Council in persisting with its ill-timed and inauspicious curriculum scheme, and as a practical protest against the general inaction of the Pharmaceutical Council, several of the oldest, and formerly most loyal, members of the Society here have this year flatly refused to renew their subscriptions, and, therefore, fall out of the ranks. A further number have agreed to continue their support for another year in the hope that the Council will wake up.

GLASGOW CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION (Assistants' Section).—The last meeting of the session was held on Thursday evening, March 28, Mr. McKenzie in the chair. A lecture was delivered on "The Chemistry of Food" by Mr. A. Kerr Chalmers, who gave a clear and telling exposition of the chemical composition and physiological action of various staple food-stuffs, illustrating the subject with diagrams and some effective experiments. Thereafter, on certain business topics coming up for discussion, the Secretary (Mr. Chalmers) briefly explained the conditions under which the present series of meetings had been organised. He and some other assistants, who felt that it was discreditable to the trade in Glasgow that it should have no sort of representative Society, had resolved, as a preliminary experiment, to arrange for a few meetings in the hope that these would lead to the establishment of the Association on a permanent footing. He was glad to say that the results had been highly satisfactory, and the only question now before them was that of deciding the best course to be taken under the circumstances. After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed to appoint a provisional committee to make all necessary arrangements for the reconstruction of the Association, and prepare a syllabus for next winter. The following gentlemen consented to act, viz.: Messrs. Chalmers (convener), J. McDonald, — McDonald, Gilmour, and Robb.

Obituary.

DUNLOP.—At his residence in Blairgowrie, on March 26, Mr. James Buchanan Dunlop, chemist and druggist. Mr. Dunlop was for many years manager to Messrs. Gardner & Ainslie, Edinburgh, and was at one time in the laboratory of the Apothecaries' Hall, London. About two years ago he bought a business in Blairgowrie, in the hope that the genial air of that locality would relieve the pulmonary affection from which he had long suffered. Mr. Dunlop, who was about 40 years of age, was well known in Edinburgh, and the respect for him by his fellows was shown by his appointment to the presidency of the Edinburgh Chemists' Assistants' and Apprentices' Association for a term.

EVANS.—The sudden death on March 17, at the age of 58, is announced of Mr. John Henry Evans, of Messrs. Wing & Evans, importers of chemicals, of New York. The deceased gentleman had for years been a conspicuous figure in the New York heavy chemical trade. He began his business career in 1847 as a clerk in a New York drug store, establishing himself in the chemical brokerage business ten years later. In 1860 he formed a partnership with Mr. John D. Wing, under the style of Wing & Evans, and to that business he devoted his energies the remainder of his life. Mr. Evans was also vice-president of the Enoch Morgan Sons Company of New York, and treasurer of the Warsaw Salt Company, of Syracuse, New York.

HAINES.—At Scarborough, on the morning of April 2, of pulmonary hæmorrhage, after a very short illness, Edwin F. Haines, for more than ten years assistant with Mr. F. Foster, dispensing chemist, Scarborough.

PAYNE.—On March 26, suddenly, Mr. Ebenezer S. Payne, chemist and druggist, of 6 Crimbles Street, Leeds. Aged 44.

WILLIAMS.—Charles James Blasius Williams, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., formerly Professor of the Principles and Practice of Medicice at University College, a Physician Extraordinary to the Queen, and the author of several standard medical works, died at Cannes last week from congestion of the lungs. He was in his 84th year.

WRIGHT.—At Rose Mount, Burton-on-Trent, on March 31, Mr. William Wright, chemist and druggist. Aged 78.

News.

A PAPER, entitled "The Iodine Absorption Equivalent of Essential Oils," by Mr. R. H. Davies, F.I.C., F.C.S., will be read at the evening meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society on Wednesday next.

A CHILD of three months, the daughter of a solicitor, died at Seacombe on Friday (March 29) from an overdose of soothing syrup.

THE STATUE of the great French physicist and chemist, Gay-Lussac, to be erected at Limoges, is to be "sculped" by M. Millet, who expects to be able to exhibit it at the Salon next year.

BOVRIL, LIMITED.—It is reported that the shares in this company have been well taken up; so much so that the holders of 20,500 shares, that is 500 more than were offered to the public, are said to be making an attempt to "corner" the shares.

LIQUID AMMONIA was taken by a painter in Oldham instead of rum. The caustic liquid caused extensive inflammation of the æsophagus, so that tracheotomy was necessary, but it failed to avert the fatal issue. At the inquest it was stated that there had been a label on the bottle until about a fortnight ago, when it came off through its being used for domestic purposes. The painter had been working in the house, and should not have touched the bottle.

British Association.—The arrangements for the Newcastle meeting are proceeding satisfactorily, and the presidents of the various sections have been arranged as follows:—Mathematical and physical science, Captain W. de W. Abney, F.R.S.; chemical science, Sir I. Lowthian Bell, F.R.S.; geology, Professor James Geikie, F.R.S.; biology, Professor J. S. Burdon Sanderson, F.R.S.; geography, Colonel Sir Francis de Winton; economic science and statistics, Professor F. Y. Edgeworth; mechanical science, Mr. William Anderson; and anthropology, Professor Sir W. Turner, F.R.S. The first general meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 8 P.M.

AN INQUEST has been held at Ealing regarding the death of Winifred (2), the daughter of Mr. R. W. Cheadle, a local schoolmaster, formerly secretary of the Ealing Microscopical Society. From the evidence it appears that in the course of cleaning, a jar of caustic potash had been removed from a shelf, the child got hold of a piece of this and ate some of it, the result being intense injury to the mucous membrane, and subsequent death from spasm of the glottis. Dr. J. E. Ruck, who had been called in, had done everything in his power to relieve the little sufferer. The coroner and the jury commented at some length on the darger of leaving poisonous articles within the reach of children.

THE BATTERSEA POLYTECHNIC.—The committee who are working to secure a polytechnic for Battersea have received a cheque for 100l. from the Morgan Crucible Company, and 500l., being 100l. from each of the following gentlemen:—Mr. O. V. Morgan, M.P., Messrs. E. V. Morgan, S. V. Morgan, W. V. Morgan, and Major W. V. Morgan, Mr. Morgan, M.P., has written to the secretary of the committee to say that his brothers and himself will contribute a further sum of 1,500l. towards the endowment fund immediately the 60,000l., which is deemed necessary to complete the scheme, is subscribed. Price's Candle Company have sent a cheque for 250l.

AN APPARENTLY INSPIRED ARTICLE appeared in the Manchester Guardian of March 29, regarding the British Medical Association and its Journal. Some members of the association, who appear to be extremely anxious to "kill the goose that lays the golden eggs," have been memorialising the council regarding the Journal, and the writer of the article in question seems to be in entire sympathy with them. "Many eminent medical men have withdrawn," he says, "from the association since the publication of the [Bergmann] 'script,' and the opinion is generally held that unless the matter in dispute is satisfactorily adjusted numerous other re-ignations will spee3ily follow, and the association will lose in prestige and popularity."

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

COUNCIL MEETING.

THERE was practically nothing for the Council to do on Wednesday, but seventeen members turned up to do it. The absentees were Messrs. Evans, Gostling, Symes, and Our representative entered the council-room at 11.18 A.M., and left at 12.25 P.M. Twenty of the sixty-seven minutes were spent in committee regarding a few trifling matters, and during the remainder of the time the Secretary's voice was principally heard as he read the different reports. Seven members (five of them from the provinces) did not cutter a syllable while our representative was present, and of the rest the President, Vice-President, and Mr. Allen were the only ones who pretended to make speeches. This shows how unimportant the meeting was. Probably something of interest to the trade was discussed upon the report of the General Purposes Committee, but we are not allowed to be present at this stage of the proceedings.

After the minutes had been approved of, the President intimated receipt of a letter of thanks from the brother of the late Mr. John Williams, in which it was stated that Mr. Williams had left 100% to the Benevolent Fund, and the writer of the letter added that he would continue Mr. Williams's annual subscription of 2l. 2s. to it—in memoriam. Following this the formality of electing persons members, &c., of the Society was gone through. Then the Secretary read the following

NOMINATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL.

There are fourteen vacancies, and for them thirty-eight persons had been nominated. The following seventeen agreed to go forward to the poll:-

Abraham, A. C., Liverpool. Allen, C. B., London, N.W. Bottle, Alex , Dover. Broad, J. M., London, N. Butt, E. N., London, W. Carteighe, M., London, W. Cross, W. G., Shrewsbury. Greenish, Thomas, London, N.W. Hills, Walter, London, W.

Leigh, Marshall, Brighton. Martin, N. H., Newcastle-on-Tyne. Martindale, W., London, W. Newsholme, G. T. W., Sheffield. Nichol, A., Carlisle. Schacht, G. F., Clifton. Southall, Alfd., Birmingham. Watt, James, Haddington, N.B.

The following twenty-one gentlemen were not desirous to accept office:-

Barnes, J. B., Londou, W. Bateman, T. H., London, N.W. Beuger, F. B., Manchester. Davenport, H, London, W.C. Fitch, R. O., London, E. Gilmour, W., Edinburgh. Gulliver, W., London, S.W. Harrison, J., Sunderland. Hopkin, W. K., London, N.W. Hugill, J. H., London, E.C. Mann, G. F., London, E.C.

Marston, J. J., Londou, E.C. Probyn, Clifford, London, W. Reynolds, Richard, Leeds. Savage, W. D., Brighton. Savory, A. L., London, W. Squire, P. W., London, W. Watts, J. N., London, W. Williams, F. H., London, N.W. Wootton, A. C., London, E.C. Young, R. F., New Barnet.

AUDITORS.

Six were nominated, five accepting, viz.:-

Hopkin, W. K. (late of Hopkin & | Williams). Lescher, F. H. (Evans, Lescher & Webb).

Stacey, S. L. (Corbyn & Stacey). Watts, W. M. (Battley & Watts). Umney, Chas. (Wright, Layman & Umney).

Mr. Wm. Hodgkinson (Hodgkinsons, Treacher & Clarke), owing to continued ill-health, did not desire to act longer. Mr. Umney, therefore, takes his place.

RESIGNATION OF DR. SYMES.

The President read a letter from Dr. Symes, of Liverpool, resigning his seat at the Council. His reasons for this were that the growing demands of his business did not permit him to give that attention to the Society's affairs which he would like to give, and the rapid travelling in all

weathers was too great a strain upon his health. He thought it right, therefore, that he should after ten years' service give place to some one else. In moving that the Council should express its regret at Dr. Symes's resignation, and thank him for his services, the President said that the resignation had come as a surprise to him. Dr. Symes was a very active man, with plenty of work of his own to do, and like all such men, he had devoted himself to the Society with great zeal and sacrifice to himself. They were very sorry to lose Dr. Symes, and wished him all success and happiness. The experience which he had gained at that table would enable him to render good service to the Society outside.

The Vice-President briefly seconded the motion, remarking that all would regret the loss of Dr. Symes's services, but he would say, as he had said when Mr. Woolley resigned, that he hoped he would at some future time come back to adorn the Council table.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and before proceeding with the next business the President said that the nominations showed that another member of the Council (Mr. Savage) was retiring, but this was not the time to say anything in regard to that, especially in Mr. Savage's presence. At the next meeting the Council would appoint a person to take the place of Dr. Symes, who had had another year to serve.

A NEW CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,

The Secretary intimated that he had received a statutory declaration from James Mordaunt Buckley, The Elms, Dean Road, Willesden Green, to the effect that he had been in business before 1868 as a chemist and druggist, and he had accordingly placed his name on the register of chemists and druggists. Inquiries showed that Mr. Buckley's declaration was correct. He had been in business in Oxford Street, Manchester.

FINANCE.

An uninteresting report was sent up by the committee, and every member was supplied with a copy of the statement for the first time. The receipts during the month had been larger on account of examination fees and subscriptions. With a balance in hand of 1,867%, the committee recommended payments amounting to 2,4481., these including printing, rents, taxes, salaries (monthly and quarterly), 288l. 11s. 4d. for printing the Calendar and register, a vote of 800l. to the office for current expenses, and one of 200*l*, to Edinburgh.

The President made his usual comments regarding this report, and explained one or two items. He seemed to be pleased with the way in which the subscriptions are coming in for the benevolent fund, mentioning again Mr. Williams's legacy and a donation of 50l, from Mr. Charles Wheeley Lea, of Worcester (Lea & Perrins). It was cheering, he said of the latter, that when their old members left the calling they still remembered the benevolent objects of this fund.

The auditors' report having been placed on the table, the Secretary read the report of the

BENEVOLENT FUND COMMITTEE.

Seven cases had been eonsidered; one of these was deferred, three were refused relief, two received grants of 5l. each, and one a grant of 10l.

Mr. Bottle (Vice-President), in moving the adoption of the report, mentioned that one of the cases refused was a man who had been forty years out of the trade. The committee thought that the fund was not intended for such persons. (Hear, hear.)

The President wished to make a personal explanation. He is always receiving letters from subscribers to the fund regarding particular applications for relief. Generally, the complaint is that the committee give paltry grants. Now, the fact is, that the committee have to give in proportion to the amount of money they have to spend. The money is derived from interest on investments and subscriptions. The whole of the interest and the greater part of the subscriptions are spent in providing over fifty annuities of 301. and 35l. each. What remained was spent in giving easual relief, and here, as in the case of annuities, the object of the committee was to afford relief to as many poor people as possible, and they would be glad to give more largely than they did, but they must receive a larger measure of support from the

ande than they now received before they could do so. (Hear, hear)

The quarterly payments to the annuitants were directed to be made.

NO CONVERSAZIONE THIS YEAR,

so the Lihrary, &c., Committee had resolved; and the President explained that there was a hope that next year they would be able to hold a conversazione in their own premises and to have ladies present. They all knew that ladies liked a squeeze. (Great laughter.) They must not miseonstrue his meaning; he meant that they enjoyed a crowded place; but the difficulties regarding the eutrances to the buildings were at present insurmountable. They would not be next year. (Hear, hear.)

THE DIVISIONAL SECRETARIES.

This report also contained a reference to the meeting of divisional secretaries which took place a few weeks ago. The PRESIDENT spoke about the matter as "a great source of gratification" to him, and he hoped that they would be able to arrange such meetings more frequently in future. They would do good to the Society. The secretaries got into touch with them, learnt the nature of the work done, and proposals and developments in regard to legislation and education matters, while they brought to the Council the feelings of the districts in which they resided. He desired to thank the secretaries on behalf of the Council for their attendance.

Mr. Allen seconded this proposal, and spoke in an equally enthusiastic manner regarding the success of the meeting. He knew that friendships had been formed at the meeting which would be lifelong. Then there was the fact that these divisional secretaries would be of immense assistance to Mr. Bremridge in giving him information.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The London committee of the International Congress of Hygiene and Statistics, which will be held in London iu 1891, invited the Council to appoint two of its number to assist them iu carrying out the arrangements. This the Library Committee will consider.

The Manchester Pharmaceutical Association, through its secretary, called upon the Council to do something in regard to the dubious position which chemists are in on account of the Inland Revenue authorities demanding a bond from those who make methylated liniments. The President said that this letter was dated April 1, and he would inform the secretary of the association that the Iuland Revenue authorities had made the desired concession before that date. Thereupou some one desired the flag to be raised, and for a quarter of an hour in committee the Council conversed regarding methylated liniments, the patent medicine question, and the sale of medicated wines. Regarding this, by far the most interesting part of the day's proceedings, our book is closed.

WAKING UP.

Since last meeting, said Mr Carteighe, the President of the Board of Trade had extended the time for receiving objections to the new railway rates, and he thought it would be advisable for them to ask the Law and Parliamentary Committee whether anything could be done to assist the members. At last meeting he had only time to draft a letter, but now they had until June to do something more forcible.

Mr. RICHARDSON concurred. The matter was one of great importance to country chemists, and he hoped that they would send in a protest.

The Council then took up the General Purposes Committee's report, and this was all the business.

The original eau de Cologne is made from a recipe which, according to a writer in the Leisure Hour, has been known only to ten people since it was discovered nearly two hundred years ago. The written copy of it is kept in a crystal goblet, under triple locks, in the room in which the essential oils are mixed. The casks in which the perfume is kept are made of cedar wood from Lebauon, which is stronger than any other and does not smell. More than 2,000,000 bottles are sold annually, and of these 150,000 go to one house in London.

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

LONDON SECTION.

T seemed on Monday night when Mr. David Howard ealled I upon the secretary to read the minutes that Professor Percy Frankland was to have his long and wearisome journey from Dundee for uext to uothing. Less than a dozen members were present, none greatly interested in "The Action of Water ou Lead." Dr. Fraukland sat solitary at the north end of the front bench, Mr. Thomas Christy's massive form behind him; Mr. Crowdace gave a kind of fatherly tone to the meeting by taking up his usual position on the front bench; there was a figure here and there right hack to the gloom of the top benches, and the air generally was depressed. A gentleman tried to thrash more life into the technical education question by calling upon the chairman to ask "Dr. Roscoe" to come to the meeting and tell them all about it. "But we are tired of it," said Mr. Christy, and "everybody had enough last meeting." So thought the chairman, and after another attempt, amidst cries of "Chair," to force his point, the critic subsided. Meanwhile Dr. Thomas Steveusou had dropped iu, closely followed by Mr. A. H. Allen, theu Mr. George Haller, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Bernard Dyer, and others, until there was quite a respectable audience. Professor Frankland was called upon to read his paper on

THE ACTION OF WATER ON LEAD.

It was a long one, full of figures and detail, most of which we shall not refer to. A scries of experiments, extending over many mouths, were the basis of it. These were begun in London and continued in Dundec, with the assistance of Mr. Frew, a student of the Dundee University College. The current of lead-poisoning which has passed through northern towns—Bradford, Huddersfield, and Sheffield—is a matter of commou knowledge. Now it happens that the water-supply of Huddersfield (taking that as typical) comes from two sources, and is separately stored. In No. 1 reservoir we have the upland waters, from moor and fell; in No. 2 we have water which comes from a colliery district. It was found that No. 1 was a very soft water, it possessed no temporary hardness, just a few degrees of permanent hardness, and 7.8 parts of solids per 100,000. It dissolved lead with great readiness. "No. 2 water also showed no temporary hardness, but the permaneut amounted to 7.1 degrees, and the total solids 13.4 parts per 100,000. This water did not dissolve lead easily, and, strange to say, all the cases of lead-poisoning in the district occurred in those houses only which were supplied with No. 1 water. Professor Frankland proceeded to describe his experiments and their results, which, briefly stated, were as follows:—Pieces of ordinary lead-piping, 2 feet long, were used. New pipe was washed out with caustic soda and water, and old pipe was also used, two sizes, $\frac{1}{2}$ iuch and ³ inch, of both being taken. In these pipes the water was kept sometime. No. 2 water was found to have uo effect on the new lead pipes, but on the old it had. No. 1 water kept in both new and old pipes dissolved lead, and, strange to say, the quantity of lead yielded by the $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pipe was more than double what the $\frac{1}{2}$ inch gave up. It was also found that the water collected in February, April, and June differed in regard to action on lead. After getting useful data from these experiments, Dr. Frankland proceeded to see what would prevent the water taking up lead. Filtration through chalk would not do it; agitation with calc. carb. precip. had a little influence, but the only thing which effectually prevented it was carbonate of soda-5 parts per 100,000 brought the lead down to a safe amount, and 10 parts "completely suspended or greatly reduced the activity" of the water towards lead. It has been said that alkaliue waters have a powerful action upon lead, but this is apparently wrong. Then the effect of heat was tried, also of lime, the latter actually increasing the amount of lead, especially in the old pipes. Phosphate of soda, contrary to expectations, did not wholly retard the action of the water. came a passage in which Dr. Franklaud referred to the investigations on the subject by Crookes, Odling, and Tidy. These chemists came to the couclusion that the reason why a water dissolves lead is because it does not contain enough silica, and they recommended filtration through

a bed of sand, limestone, and flint. land could not from his first exper experiments corroborate this, but in the long run he found that No. 1 water did dissolve some silica in passing through the filter, and had to a large extent lost its property of dissolving lead. The part of the investigation in which the professor had been assisted by Mr. Frew was the influence of pressure. It is evident that the domestic water-supply is always under increased pressure, hence the necessity for this part of the investigation. The result of a careful inquiry was as follows:

1. Increased pressure increases or decreases the tendency to dissolve lead according to the composition of the water.

2. Oxygen waters generally decrease.

3. Carbonic acid gas waters generally increase, and

4. Water under pressure dissolves a little silica, and consequently less lead.

DISCUSSION.

The latter part of the paper was listened to with some impatience, probably owing to the length to which it had gone, and because it had so far contained no reference to the mysterious acid which other analysts have found in waters which dissolve lead; so when Dr. Frankland sat down the experts who were present exchanged knowing looks and otherwise indicated their surprise. The Chairman briefly complimented the author, and Dr. Thomas Stevenson followed suit, but, he asked, did the No. 1 water contain free acid? If it did the soda would, of course, neutralise it. He agreed with the conclusions regarding the silica, but he could not agree that a pipe washed with soda solution and water allowed to run through it for two hours was "a new pipe." It was certain to become corroded. He thought Dr. Frankland should have been a little more definite regarding the acidity, but this was a point upon which Mr. Allen would no doubt speak-and that he did to some effect, laughter occasionally following his remarks. "Was the water No. 1 acid?" he asked. "Practically neutral," Dr. Frankland replied. But this did not satisfy Mr. Allen. He said that any statement of this kind ought to be based on careful experiment. It would not do to test the water by sticking a piece of blue litmus-paper into it, as Dr. Tidy recommended; there must be eareful evaporation under proper conditions, and, testing in this way, he had found the Sheffield water which dissolved lead to be acid. What the acid was he could not say, but half a grain of lactic acid per gallon was sufficient to dissolve a grain of lead, and that was more than enough in a domestic water to clear off the inhabitants of a whole neighbourhood from leadpoisoning. A great deal of what Dr. Frankland had done in this paper had been doue by Dr. Sinclair White and himself. He referred in detail to this and other points regarding the way that the lead-pipe should be used in the experiments. The upshot of the whole thing was that acid waters dissolve lead, neutral waters do not. Dr. Frankland, in replying, said of course he knew all about Mr. Allen's ideas regarding acid, and did not agree with them. The waters he had examined appeared to be practically neutral.

A few more comments such as this constituted the reply, and the speaker gave place to Messrs. Cross and Bevan, who were to have read a paper on "The Economy of Caustic Soda," but the Chairman intimated that, owing to the lateness of the hour, it would be taken as read, and the discussion upon it would come off at the next meeting. Mr. Cross briefly explained that the paper showed that the purer the eaustic soda was the better did it effect its purpose, and that impurities had a decidedly baneful influence. A short communication from Mr. Kingzett regarding "salufer"

brought the proceedings to a close.

DEADENING THE NERVES OF TEETH.—Dr. Shattuck's plau is to put some arseuious acid into an ounce vial and pour a little more creosote on it than will cover it. When you wish to use the paste, tip the bottle so that you can reach the arsenic, and apply directly to the pulp; or you may take a pellet of cotton and apply that way. The paste is ready for immediate use, and will stop the most violent toothache in about five minutes. The addition of other drugs he regards as a detriment to the paste; but we may add that it should be used with caution.

FRENCH PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS.

(From our Paris Correspondent.)

INULIN, in large quantities, has been found in artichoke heads by M. L. Daniel. He also detected it in the unblown flower-heads of other plants of the Composite family, and thinks it is there as plant-food in store for further develop-

DEATH FOR DR. F. C. DONDERS—At the Academy of Sciences's sitting of April 1 Secretary Bertrand announced the death of the celebrated ophthalmologist of Utrecht. He was, since 1873, a corresponding member of the Academy of Medicine, and since 1879 of the Academy of Sciences.

THE INTERNE PHARMACISTS have received official notice that on May 13 the annual competition for prizes will be held in the Assistance Publique Amphitheatre, 3 Avenue Victoria. So pressing is the invitation that the administra-tion will not take "no" for an answer. All internes in hospitals and asylums are expected to come, and if they do not-woe to them.

More Money for the Assistance Publique.—By the death of the last shareholder the funds of the celebrated Tontine Lafarge, started a century since, have become the property of the State. The two last representatives of the tontine subscribers and beneficiaries were M. Godin, who died last month, and the centenarian lady botanist, noticed in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST at the time, who died last year. Both were of opinion that the amount, about 30 million fraucs, should go to the Paris Assistance Publique, and it seems likely such will be the disposition of the monev.

NATIVELLE, CLAUDE-ADOLPHE, died on March 25, at Bourg-la-Reine, near Paris, aged 77. M. Nativelle graduated as a pharmacist of the first class in 1841, and kept a pharmacy in Paris. At the same time he pursued chemical rescarches and discovered cnicine in blessed thistle and crystallised menyanthine in water-trefoil. But he is chiefly known for his discovery of crystallised digitalin, for which, in 1871, the Academy of Medicine awarded him the Orfila prize. For a good while M. Nativelle had retired from business, and was leading a very secluded life.

THE NEW PHARMACY AGRÉGÉS.—The results of the recent competition for college fellowship (agrégation) have been officially published. They are as follows: -For Paris, MM. Gautier, physics; Leidié and Béhal, chemistry and toxicology; for Nancy, M. Klobb, chemistry and toxicology. By ministerial order MM. Gautier and Leidié will officiate for ten years, and MM. Béhal and Klobb for five years. An "agrégé" is much like a fellow in English universities, although there are some differences. He is a sort of professor in partibus, entitled during his term of office to regular emoluments; examining candidates, delivering supplementary lectures, replacing absent professors, &c. But he is not provided with a permanent chair, and may never get one.

M. HENRI CHEVREUL, son of M. Chevrcul, the centenarian chemist, died on March 27 of diabetes, at the age of 69. He was deeply attached to his father, whom he accompanied in the exercise which he took, and whom he watched and tended with filial devotion. The old man's life now hangs by so slender a thread that his friends fear to tell him of his bereavement. Henri has gene into the country, say they. Great though his age is, Chev eul continues to enjoy wonderful health. He frequently takes a drive to see the progress of the Eiffel Tower, in the construction of which he has always shown special interest. Madame Gros, his housekeeper, who has been in his service forty-five years, accompanies him on these occasious. Isoline Lapaire, cook, who had been in his employment since 1862, died a short time ago, and her death has also been concealed from him.

THE THERAPEUTICS AND MATERIA MEDICA CONGRESS .-At the international meeting to be held from August 1 to August 5, as was announced by THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, several questions interesting pharmacists will come up for consideration. The following, among others more strictly medical, have been set down for general discussion. Heart tonics: their nature, special action, relative value of the plants, and their active principles, alka'oids, and glucosides (digitalis and strophanthus are here aimed at, but the question seems to be scarcely ripe at present); Dr. Bucquoy, reporter. New drugs of vegetable origin recently introduced in therapeutics; Professor Planchon, reporter. Unification of the weights and measures used in formulas; usefulness of an international Pharmacopeia; Professor Shaer, of Zurich, reporter. It may be mentioned that all physicians, pharmacists, and veterinarians may become members on sending their adhesion and 10f. to Dr. Bardet, secretary-general adjunct of the organisation committee. An exhibition of the simple drugs which are to be the subject of discussions will be made by MM. Adrian and Blondel in one of the halls where the congress is to meet.

THE JURY ON REWARDS FOR EXHIBITORS. — By a Presidential decree, issued on March 28, the arrangements for awarding the prizes have been officially prescribed. The following are the main lines:—(1) There will be eighty-five special juries, corresponding to the same number of classes in exhibits. (2) In each the jurymen will be, as regards numbers and nationality, as nearly as possible proportional to the number and importance of exhibits, but they shall not exeeed 900 all told. (3) In addition, there shall be alternative jurymen (suppléants), not to exceed 300. (4) French jurymen shall be taken from academies, State bodies, and selected from among persons having obtained rewards at the London, Vienna, Philadelphia, Sydney, Melbourne, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Barcelona, and Brussels exhibitions. (5) Alternative jurymen shall act only in the absence of their principals. (6) French jurymen shall be hereafter appointed by Presidential decree, and the foreign by their own national committees, but all selections shall be completed before May 5. (7) Certain juries (Classes VI. to IX.) shall be allowed to employ experts. (8) Exhibitors who consent to sit on juries shall be debarred from competing for prizes. (9) The rewards shall be classified in the following order, viz., grand prize, gold medal and diploma, silver medal, bronze medal, honourable mention. (10) The work of juries must be completed by September 1; exception is made for groups 7, 8, and 9. (11) The solemn distribution of prizes shall take place in September. (12) An official list of awards shall be published. (13) The general manager (directeur-général de l'exploitation) of the exhibition, assisted by his chiefs of service, is hereby charged with the duty of preparing and directing the work of juries, receiving observations and complaints, and enforcing the rules. (14-15) Each special jury shall commence on June 1 to elect officers and organise; the president and the vice-president must be of different nationalities, one of the two being French and the other foreign. (18) The decisions of the special juries shall be handed for revision to group juries, composed of all the presidents and vice presidents of each group, who shall, by August 15, hand their final decision to the general manager. (19) Lastly, a superior jury shall meet on August 20, review the group juries' decisions, and determine the number and apportionment of prizes. (23 to 28) relate to groups 7, 8, and 9, pertaining to social economy, and regulate the procedure.

PARIS SOCIETY OF PHARMACY.

The regular monthly meeting was held on April 3 in the Salle des Actes as usual, with all the officers at their posts, and a good attendance of members.

M. Guinochet, of the committee on membership, having resigned, President Bouchardat appointed in his place

M. Grimbert.

M. Crinon read a rather lengthy communication from M. Benoit, of Joigny, a corresponding member, which contained some good ideas among a number of statements and conclusions open to discussion. He thought the Society of Pharmacy had done good work in 1877 when it published a list of formulas for new remedies, and suggested that something of the sort would be very useful now, as many new preparations have made their appearance. And as it is likely such will continue to be the case, the formulary in question should be revised annually.

M. Portes was of opinion that a work of the kind should be undertaken by the Society. A Pharmacopæia is not

sufficient, because it can only consider recognised and standard preparations. But there are many remedies, more or less evanescent, for which we have at times considerable demand, and it is for these that uniform formulas are desirable, if not necessary. The Society should in this respect imitate the American Pharmaceutical Association. He had in his hands the excellent "National Formulary" published by them, and at the next meeting proposed to give a full account and criticism of the volume.

In consequence, no action was taken respecting the suggestions made by M. Benoit, but the subject is to come up in

May for consideration.

M. Leconte called attention to an interesting seaside plant, at one time much used, but now unjustly neglected, namely, the "Cakile," Eruca maritima. The plant grows abundantly on the shore near Berck-sur-Mer, and as it possesses powerful antiscorbutic properties, Dr. Cazin, of the asylum there, has employed it with success in the treatment of scrofulous children under his care. When chewed the eruca has the taste of a cruciferous plant, nearly as strong as horse-radish or mustard. It contains a volatile oil, holding sulphur among its constituents, and may be treated pharmaceutically like similar plants. Several handsome preparations of eruca were exhibited by M. Leconte.

M. Vigier alluded to a dispensing difficulty likely to confront his brother pharmacists, as the formula appears to be now in favour with the medical profession. It is as follows:—

					Gr	amm
Vaselin	••				 	30
Oxide of a	zinc		••		 	4
Glycerine					 	5
Gum trag	acanth		••	• •	 	5
. For ext	ternal a	pplic	ation.			

If the directions are followed a lumpy mixture, unfit for use, is the result; but by adding 10 grammes of water to the tragaeanth a mucilage of proper consistency is obtained, which forms, with the other ingredients, a smooth ointment, easily spread on muslin, according to the ideas of physicians

who follow Unna's indications.

M. Morellet spoke of hot glycerine as a convenient menstruum for devuleanising rubber. It will not do for those very hard sorts, containing almost as much sulphur as rubber, but it will answer for the softer materials, such as tubes, bands, &c., and so thoroughly remove the sulphur that the rubber will become soluble in benzole, and will weld with itself again, &c. Only one precaution is necessary. The glycerine must be previously heated to about 200° C., and the rubber at once dipped into it. When, on the contrary, the two are gradually heated together, the rubber is made harder than before, and not desulphurised. M. Marc Boymond remarked he had already noticed that warm glycerine softens vulcanised rubber-corks. Owing to this action he had been obliged in some apparatus to replace rubber by eork stoppers, an observation confirming M. Morellet's communication.

GERMAN PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS.

(From our Berlin Correspondent.)

An exhibition of appliances used for the prevention of accidents will be held here next summer. It is likely to be a great success.

FLUID EXTRACTS are coming more and more into fashion in Germany. Physicians begin to like this kind of medication, and manufacturers of patent medicines adopt them as well. Some have, as recently reported, introduced fluid extract of horse-chestnut, and others are now preparing tablets containing fluid extract of senega flavoured with small quantities of anise.

PRESCRIPTION TARIFF IN ALSACE-LORRAINE.—This province has now an official prescription tariff of its own, which does away with the former confusion existing with regard to the question of charges for prescriptions. The tariff is similar to the Prussian one. No doubt the new institution will lead to more uniformity and equality of the business transactions of our Alsatian confrères.

THE APOTHEKER VEREIN.—At the last conference of the German Apotheker Verein, held in Berlin, it was decided

that the next meeting should take place in Würzburg. This decision was arrived at in consequence of the invitation by Dr. Unger, of Würzburg. His town colleagues, not having been asked their consent, felt jealous, and practically refused to receive the Apotheker Verein within their walls, arguing that the friendly relations between the members in Würzburg were not such as would favour the meeting being held in their town. They would, therefore, not take part in the preparations nor in the meeting itself. It will be remembered that last year also another place was originally selected for the conference, and that only at a late hour and on its own account the committee decided upon Berlin. Würzburg having shown such resolute disinclination, the conference for this year has been transferred to Mayence.

Pharmaceutical Statistics.—The Imperial Health Office has just published a highly-interesting book containing important pharmaceutical statistics. The number of chemists businesses in the German Empire on April 1, 1887, amounted to 4,680, including 133 branch establishments. In the year 1876 the number was 4,416, including 114 branch businesses. The increase which took place during a course of eleven years, therefore, amounted to only 6 per cent., while the population of Germany during the same period showed an increase of 9.7 per cent. The average proportion of chemists' businesses to the number of inhabitants was 1 chemist's shop to 10,012 inhabitants on a gross average, 1 to 11,322 in the small communities, 1 to 6,306 in the communities of medium size, and 1 to 9,757 in the large communities. The number of assistants employed by German chemists is shown in the following table: 27.1 per cent, businesses had no assistants, 40.8 per cent. had one, 19.6 per cent. had two, 7.1 per cent. had three, 39 per cent. had four, and 1.7 per cent. five or more. It shows that one-fourth of the chemists carry on their work without any assistance whatever, one-third employ two or three assistants, and the remainder employ only one. Of every 100 chemists fully qualified by State examinations 26 were assistants and 74 were proprietors, tenants or managers. 44.7 per cent. of all assistants had already obtained their full qualifications.

LANOLIN AND ANTISEPTICS.—Over a year ago Dr. Gottstein, of Berlin, made the important discovery that, while all glycerine fats decompose easily, and when decomposed contain a great number of micro-organisms, lanolin alone does not decompose. He found that micro-organisms placed in lanolin die after a short time from want of nutrient material. Lanolin. therefore, represents a completely antiseptic and sterile substance, and, brought into contact with wounds, it prevents the intrusion of any germs. Professor Koch experimentally proved that even the most powerful antiseptics—such as carbolic and salicylic acids, naphthol, perchloride of mercury, &c .- entirely lose their disinfecting properties when mixed with glycerine fat or with vaseline. Lanolin follows nearly the same rule with the one exception, viz. lanolin with perchloride of mercury, which proves as efficacious as the aqueous solution of perchloride, which nowadays is the antiseptic par excellence. Such are the results of Gottstein's latest publications in the *Therapeutische Monatshefte*. His observations are all the more important as now the physician is enabled to prescribe an ointment which will successfully combat microbes. A much more general and extensive use of lanolin will naturally be the consequence.

BANKRUPTCY REPORTS.

Re George Edward Inger, of Melbourne Road, Leicester, Chemist and Druggist.

This debtor formerly carried on business at 7 High Street, Nottingham. The first meeting was called for Thursday, March 28, at the offices of the Official Receiver, Friar Lane, but as the debtor had already been adjudged a bankrupt, none of the creditors were present. The statement of affairs showed gross liabilities 275l. 12s. 1d., and assets nil. The bankrupt attributed his insolvency to the fact that a distress for rent was put in by his landlord at Nottingham last July. He considered that his stock and effects were then worth

debts, but they only realised half their value at the sale. According to the obervations of the Official Receiver, the receiving order was made upon the petition of the debtor, who started in business in Nottingham with a capital of 500% about sixteen years ago, when he joined Mr. J. F. Mayfield of that town, who was then carrying on business as a chemist and druggist. This partnership was dissolved in 1882, when Mr. Mayfield was paid 2001. upon going out, the business being taken over by Inger, who in 1884 filed a petition in the Nottingham Bankruptey Court, and paid a composition of 6s. 8d. in the pound. Since that time the debtor's turnover had been much smaller, and it is probable that the profits since 1884 have not been sufficient to pay expenses. The sale under the distress for rent mentioned by the debtor realised about 250%, 60% of which was retained by the landlord for rent, and 1501. applied to the payment of a sum due upon a bill of sale which had been given by the debtor to enable him to raise money for the payment of his composition in 1884. The debtor says he can furnish an account showing in what way the balance was disposed of. The book-debts, which amounted to 271. only, were sold to a debt-collector for 13'. Nearly all the liabilities are in respect of goods supplied while the debtor was in business at Nottingham. The debtor does not intend to make any offer of composition. He is now in a situation in Leicester as a druggist's assistant. The principal creditors are:—

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Southall Bros., wholes de chemists, Birmingham	17 19	0
Braham, E. J., Birmingham	11 15	3
Langton, Edden & Co., Upper Thames Street, E.C.	21 7	7
Duncan, W. A., Southport	17 10	5
Fletcher, G., Ebor Glass Works, York	13 14	4
Pilcher & Co., Morgan Lane, Tooley Street	12 13	1
Simpson, —, Nottingham	11 0	0
Grossmith & Co., 85 Newgate Street, E.C	9 2	6
Hannam & Co., 9 Clapham Road, Islington, N	9 9	6
Kellen, —, Manchester	8 1	0
Schlaz & Co., 33 Aldersgate Street, E.C	6 2	7

REALISING AN ESTATE.

From the final statement in re Mr. Charles Henry Ridley, chemist and druggist, Maidstone, we gather some instructive details, indicating the profitable character of bankruptcy proceedings. The document shows that furniture estimated to realise 100%, was disposed of for 45%, and book debts which ought to have brought in 841. 8s. 10d. only produced 2l. 11s. 9d. This, with a half-share in the business of Ridley & Co. at 103l. 14s. 6d., brought the total assets up to 1511. 6s. 3d. Out of this total the Official Receiver's, Board of Trade, and Court fees were 42l. 7s. 2d., the auctioneers' taxed costs 10l. 10s., the solicitors' taxed costs 9l. 8s. 10d., whilst the other outlay, such as shorthand writers' costs, stamps, stationery, printing, advertising, collecting, and travelling by officials amounted to another 221. 16s. 10d., whilst the trustee's remuneration as voted by the committee of inspection on the basis of $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, on assets brought to credit on the estate and on the amount paid away in dividend increased the payments by 301. 9s. 11d. After that there is the premium on trustee's bond, 5%; trustee's, Board of Trade, and Court fees, 21. 16s. 8d; and preferential creditors, 14s. 5d. The first and final dividend which was therefore declared on 3,552l. 5s. 9d. amounted to $1\frac{3}{4}d$. in the pound. To pay this 25l. 18s. was required, and 26l. 12s. 5d. was available; and the 11.4s. 5d. which will therefore be left to balance, in the words of the trustee, "will go towards the expenses of closing the estate and obtaining the trustee's release, and other necessary expenses, such as stamps and printing. This will, however, be insufficient, and whatever further amounts are required will have to come out of the trustee's remuneration."

Re E. A. A. FRY, Sevenoaks, Chemist, &c.

The first meeting of creditors under this failure was held at the London Bankruptcy Court on Friday last, before Mr. Mackintosh, the Brighton official receiver. The debtor, who traded as a chemist and druggist at 2 The Terrace, St. John's Hill, Sevenoaks, filed his own petition on March 13, and no more than enough at a fair valuation to have paid all his offer having been lodged, he was adjudicated bankrupt on

March 21. He appears to have commenced business at 2 The Terrace, St. John's Hill, Sevenoaks, in 1882, paying 525l. for the lease, goodwill, and stock-in-trade. Having no capital of his own, the whole of the purchase-money was borrowed, 250l. from his father, and 300l. from his father-inlaw, none of which has been repaid. In September, 1883, he entered into partnership with a Mr. T. Potter, and opened a stationery and bookseller's business. That partnership lasted only one year, at the end of which Mr. Potter retired, receiving 15l. as his share. The bankrupt continued the business for four years, eventually selling it for 225l., and he estimates that he lost 500%, during the time be carried it on. Prior to the sale of that stationery business he was compelled to consult the creditors of the chemist's business, and afterwards paid them a composition of 7s. 6d. in the pound by On the sale of the stationery business, he called a meeting of his creditors in respect thereof, and it was then agreed to accept payment of the debts by instalments of 10l. per month, but that arrangement has not been carried through. Securities in the hands of creditors consist of a bill of sale over the household furniture, and a policy of assurance on the bankrupt's life for 2001. He attributes his failure to losses in connection with his trading, and to heavy local expenses in connection with a lawsuit. The accounts legal expenses in connection with a lawsuit. show gross liabilities 931l. 3s. 5d., of which 880l. 11s. 10d. are due to the unsecured creditors, and expected to rank against assets valued at 173l. 2s. 8d., after deducting 20l. 11s. 7d. in respect of preferential claims. The following are the principal creditors :-

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Allen & Hanburys, druggists, Plough Court, E	E.C	15	10	8
Alliott, Dr., Sevenoaks		13	0	0
Doulton, Messrs., Lambeth		12	0	0
Frudge Brothers, Bristol		10	0	0
Frudge, W., Executors of		400	0	0
Fry, H., Epsom		17	0	0
Harris & Muggeridge, Ashford		63	7	0
Hodgkinson, Prestons & King, druggists, 81	Bishops-			
gate Street Within		73	1	2
Kent & Co., Great Marlborough Street, W		12	13	7
Kilner Brothers, King's Cross		24	0	0
Lynch & Co., druggists' sundriesmen, Ale	dersgate			
Street, E.C		28	7	4
Maw Son & Thompson, druggists' sundr	iesmen,			
Aldersgate Street, E.C		14	13	7
Potter, Sevenoaks		11	10	0
Palmer & Wardley, Tonbridge		20	0	0

The Chairman, having called over the proofs, said he had been informed by the bankrupt that there would be a further sum of 50l. available as assets, being due to the bankrupt from his father. There had been some suggestion respecting a scheme providing for the payment of a composition of 5s. in the pound; but he was of opinion that the estate would realise more than that amount in bankruptcy, and therefore the Court would not consent to that arrangement. The shop was a well-fitted one, and if sold as a going concern would fetch a good price, but if the fixtures were removed of course it would not be worth much. Before any offer was closed with for the purchase of the business the largest creditors would be consulted again in the matter. In order to carry on the business it had been found necessary to appoint a special manager, and it was proposed to carry on the business in that manner for the next fortnight. No resolutions were passed, and the Chairman stated that the estate would be wound up by the Court in the usual manner. Mr. Wardley (Palmer & Wardley), who attended on behalf of the bankrupt, said that if the necessary amount could be raised by the bankrupt, the latter would make an offer to purchase the business at a price which would be sufficient to pay a composition of 7s. 6d. in the pound to the creditors. This suggestion was favourably received by the meeting, the assembled creditors expressing their willingness to accept that amount.

Re George Dobson, High Street, Leicester, Chemist.

THIS debtor applied before his Honour Judge Hooper, at the Leicester Bankruptcy Court, on March 26, to pass his public examination, but, the application being opposed by the Official Receiver, his Honour suspended his discharge for twelve months. Re THE CASTLE PHARMACY AND TEA COMPANY, Castle Street, Bristol, Chemists and Tea Dealers.

At the Bristol Bankruptcy Court on March 29, before Mr. Registrar Harley, William Henry Rich Glass, Uriah Glass, William James Powell, aud C. B. S. Norton, trading together as the Castle Pharmacy and Tea Company, attended to pass their adjourned public examination, and after the notes had been gone through the Registrar declared the examination concluded.

Re Walter Kerr Waller, 62 Chapel Street, Penzance, Chemist and Druggist.

A MEETING of the creditors under this failure was held at the office of the Official Receiver, at Truro, on March 30. Debtor's statement of affairs showed unsecured creditors 3,817l., 1s. 5d. His assets amounted to 291l. 7s. 6d., includiug stock-in-trade, 100l.; machinery, trade fixtures, &c., 89l.; furniture, 30l.; cash at bankers, 1l. 7s. 6d.: cash in hand, 6l., and watch-chain, 5l; leaving a deficiency of 3,525l. 13s. 11d. The debtor attributed his failure to pressure by a creditor, depression in trade, and want of capital. The Official Receiver's observations are as follows:—The receiving order was made upon the debtor's own petition, and be has been adjudged a bankrupt. He states that his first place of business in England was in London, where he carried on business from October, 1885, till Christmas, 1886, as a consulting medical practitioner. He came to Penzance in 1887, and commenced business as a chemist and druggist. He bad no capital of his own when he commenced business in England, and to enable him to commence business at Penzance he borrowed 1,000l. at 5 per cent. interest. He has kept a day-book, cash-book, and ledger. He has also kept a memorandumbook, showing accounts of his household and personal expenditure. He estimates bis gross receipts at Penzance at about 2,100%, out of which he had to pay bis merchants. He estimates the annual amount of his household and personal expenditure, exclusive of rent and gas, at about 1001. per annum. The unsecured creditors are forty-five in number fourteen with claims of 10t. and upwards. These debts are for goods supplied, &c , but the largest sums, namely, 1,500l., 1,000l., 700l., and 200l., are for money lent. I have called upon the debtor to present a cash account for the last two years. The debtor in his statement accounts for his deficiency as follows: - Excess of liabilities over assets on March 15, 1888, 3,400%: net loss arising from carrying on business from March 15, 1888, to date of receiving order (after deducting from profits the usual trade expenses, expenses incurred since March 15, 1888, other than usual trade expenses, namely, housebold expenses of self), 125l. 13s. 11d. No special resolution being passed, the estate remains in the hands of the Official Receiver.

Re John Abbott, 11 Friar Lane, Nottingham, Chemist.

This debtor came up to pass his public examination at the Nottingham Bankruptcy Court, with liabilities 230l. 7s. 11d., and assets 48l. 7s. In reply to the Official Receiver, the debtor stated that he commenced business in 1867 with a capital of about 100l. His first place of business was in Lister Gates, and on leaving there he went into Peck Lane, afterwards to Houndsgate, and then, six years ago, to Friar Lane. He paid 250l. for the stock and goodwill of the Friar Lane business. It did not answer his expectations, and he considered he had given too much. What remained of his stock when the registration order was made he put down at 15s. The landlord and the trustees of Friar Lane Chapel had distrained for rent, and sold most of his stock and furniture. Mr. Frank Abbott, a distant relatiou, bought some of the furniture, and returned it to the debtor.

The Official Receiver: Were you not aware that you were insolvent in October last?

The Debtor: I knew I could not pay all the money I owed.

The Official Receiver: That, I think, means knowledge of insolvency. As a matter of fact, you were insolvent on March 11, 1888?—Yes,

Examination continued: He had contracted debts since, but not large ones, and the goods had since been paid for. Many years ago he compounded with his creditors, paying

them 2s. 6d, in the pound. His debts were then only about 70l.

Examined by Mr. Norman, the debtor denied that he had been insolvent for the last ten years. He commenced to borrow money in 1883. A lady at Basford lent him 150l., which had to be paid back at the rate of 2s. 6d. per week. (Laughter.) He was now carrying on the business in Friar Lane for his brother.

The Registrar: Well, you seem to have good friends. I hope your future will be more prosperous, for the sake of your friends as well as yourself.

The debtor was allowed to pass.

Re LEON BROTHERS & Co.

MARCUS LEON, described as a manufacturer of chemical preparations, of 7 Union Court, Old Broad Street (trading as Leon Brothers & Co.), applied to Mr. Registrar Hazlitt, on Monday, to pass his public examination upon accounts showing liabilities 2,470*l*. 10*s*. 2*d*., of which 756*l*. 2*s*. is expected to rank, and assets 1401. 18s. 9d. The debtor failed in 1873 under the name of Max Benjamin Schumann. His liabilities were then 46.193l., and estimated assets 25.252l. He subsequently changed his name to Leon, and in 1887 was adjudged bankrupt. He obtained his discharge upon consenting to pay the creditors 2s. 6d. in the pound, which, however, has not been paid, and he now includes the liability in the present statement of affairs. After hearing some evidence as to the debtor's trade-marks, Mr. Birkett, a creditor, asked to be allowed to examine the debtor, but His Honour refused, under a misapprehension as to his proof. The examination was accordingly ordered to be concluded. Shortly afterwards the official solicitor stated that Mr. Birkett's proof had been duly placed upon the file, and he was therefore entitled to examine. Unfortunately, however, the debtor had left the court. Ultimately it was resolved to give Mr. Birkett an opportunity of examining the debtor privately.

TRADE-MARKS APPLIED FOR.

THE Trade Marks Journal publishes the following notice:—"Any person who has good grounds of objection to the registration of any of the following marks may, at any time within two months of the date of this journal, give notice in duplicate, at the Patent Office, in the form 'J,' in the second schedule to the Trade Marks Rules, 1883, of opposition to such registration." All communications to be addressed to H. Reader Lack, Esq., Comptroller General, at the Patent Office, 25 Southampton Buildings, Chaneery Lane, London, W.C.

From the "Trade Marks Journal," April 3, 1889.

- "MITRE," under figure of a mitre; for chemical substances, Class 1. By Montefiore, Joseph, & Co., O'Connell Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 85,047.
- "OZOLINE"; for antiseptic and disinfectant. By W. T. Scott, Commercial Sale Rooms, Mincing Lane, E.C. 84,395.
 - OLD DR. BARLOW'S RENOWNED COUGH PILLS," on round label; for medicinal preparations. By. R. L. Gifford, Salford Bridge, Blackburn. 81,166.
- Bright female figure coming out of darkness; for chest protectors, &c., Classes 4 and 11. By The Anti-rheumatic Towel Company, 41 High Street, Manchester. 85,048–82,389.
- "LIFE'S RENEWER," and other wording on electric device; for electrical belts and bandages. By. F. Moreton, 188 Camden Road, N.W. 85,143.
- Figures of Bovril bottles; for food. By J. L. Johnston, 30 Farringdon Street, E.C. 76,861.
- "EVERYONE'S RELISH," and other wording, on label; for a sauce. By. J. Hardy, 104 and 106 Radnor Street. Hulme. 79,839.
- "RIMMEL," "RIMMEL, LONDON," "E. RIMMEL," and "EUGENE RIMMEL"; for perfumery. By Betzy Rimmel, trading as Eugene Rimmel, 96 Strand, W. 68,394-7.

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PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

Bogust, H., and Mason, J. R., under the title J. Bradock & Co., Mincing Lane, E.C., cotton a d ndigo blokers.

Hadfield & Hopkinson, Chapel Milton, near Chapel-en-lc-Frith, soapboilers.

Leverton, H. S., and Whitley, F. G. H., Truro, surgeons.

Price, J., & Burgess, W., Liverpool, chemists and drnggists.

Wayham & Watt, Hatton Garden, E.C., scientific instrument makers.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1883.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

Banks, Benjamin, Folkestone, chemist and druggist.

Clarke, Henry Berger, late of Great Tower Street, now of Mineing Lane, E.C., chemical merchant.

Haffenden, James, Reading, chemist.

Somerville, Thomas Townsend, Sheffield, surgeon.

FIRST MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS:

Darley, Wesley, Lea Bridge Road, Essex, late of Manor Place, Hackney, late managing director of the New Carbolic Sanitary Company (Limited)—April 10, Bankruptey Buildings, Portngal Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields; April 17, 34 Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Horabin, John, jun. (formerly trading as J. Horabin & Co.), Appleton-within-Widnes, aërated-water manufacturer, April 9, Official Receiver's offices, Liverpool; April 8, Conrt House, Liverpool.

Tyrer, James, Walsall, oil and colour dealer and drysalter, April 8, Official Receiver's office, Walsall; April 8, Court House, Walsall.

ADJUDICATIONS.

Aspray, Thomas Neville, Eastbourne Terrace, London, dentist-Banks, Beniamin, Folkestone, chemist and druggist. Haffenden, James, Reading, chemist.

EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF ARRANGEMENT.

The following deeds of arrangement with creditors have been filed at the-Bills of Sale Office, under the provisions of the Deeds of Arrangement Act, 1887. Some of these deeds are for the purpose of carrying out compositions with creditors (and such are specified below), but the great majority of them are "assignments" in the ordinary form, to a trustee or trustees, for the benefit of creditors. The Act referred to expressly provides that registration shall not give validity to any deed which is an act of bankruptcy, and there is no provision, in the Act, making any of these arrangements binding upon dissenting creditors.

Toms, Walter Thomas, Speenhamland, Newbury, dentist. Trustees:
E. Wilson, Newbury, purveyor, and another. Date, March 13; filed,
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Wootten, Mrs., Newbury	• •	 		28	5	10	

CAFFEINE CITRATE.—Merck, it is stated, now prepares a crystallised caffeine citrate, which is soluble in 30 parts of water at 42° C. without decomposition.

CUBWIN'S HOG-POWDER.—G. C. Caldwell, of the Cornell University laboratory, reports the composition of a sample examined by him to be: Moisture, 1·16; sulphur, 4·33; sulphate of iron (copperas), 4·55; sulphate of lime (gypsum), 6·89; chloride of sodium. 77·74; carbon, 3·53; silica, 1·64; phosphoric acid, a trace. That is to say, it is a mixture of salt, sulphur, charcoal, and copperas, for which the retail price of 25c, a pound is rather high.—American Druggist.

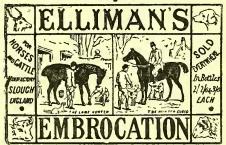
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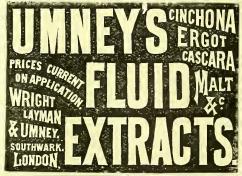
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THE RETIREMENT OF DR. SYMES.

THE most notable event reported in the record of the meeting of the Pharmaceutical Council this week was the receipt of a letter from Dr. Charles Symes, of Liverpool, intimating his intention of withdrawing from the service of the Society on the Council. We are heartily sorry to hear of this resigmation, and the one certain thing which can be gathered from the statistics of the Pharmaceutical Council elections is, that our regret will be shared by a large majority of the members of the Society, as we are confident it will be also by chemists not included in that category. Dr. Symes was first elected in 1879, taking second place on the poll. Since then he has been up for election seven times, and it is extraordinary that on six of those occasions he has seenred second place, while on the seventh, in 1886, he was at the head of the poll. We do not find any corresponding case of such steady approval being given to any representative during a considerable period. And Dr. Symes has certainly not secured his popularity by adopting any trimming policy. No one has ever accused him of partisanship, of eliquism, or of factiousness in opposition. An authority on the scientific details of pharmacy, and largely experienced in its commercial developmeuts, Dr. Symcs is a typical pharmacist, and to these advantages he adds a strong interest in all the discussions which affect his fellow-traders, a very exact acquaintauce



with the facts on which opinions have to be based, together with an enviable power of expressing his views, and an invariably cheerful and hopeful character. Such qualifications have led all those of us who are ontside the innermost ring of Bloomsbury to look to Dr. Symes as the exponent of rational views when these seem to be in opposition with official purposes, and as the defender of trade interests when these can be reasonably aided by the influence of the representative body.

We are glad to note that the progress of his own business is the principal reason which Dr. Symes adduces for the step he has taken. We do not donbt that this is the ruling influence with him. At the same time it is possible to suspect that, perhaps nnconsciously, the discouraging results of work for the benefit of pharmacists generally iuside the Council has weighed with him. To be a voice crying in the wilderness figures well in history, but it is dull work in actual life, and of late years the suggestion of a topic concerning the material interests of pharmacists has been met

with reproachful indifference by the powerful oligarchy which clusters round the President. Selling out Consols is the most prominent business transacted in the Council nowadays. Aspirants to a seat at the table may also utilise their architectural and decorative acquirements. The art of house-letting will come in useful to them before loug; but trifling matters like the introduction of legislation into Parliameut can be settled by the chief, and the rest need uot conceru themselves about it. Dr. Symes has shown a tendency to rebel against this arrangement, and it may be that he will do more effective work as a critic outside than he could do as a member inside the walls.

PHARMACOPŒIA REVISION.

British pharmacists have always viewed with a high degree of interest the steps which are taken in the United States for the revision of the Pharmacopæia of that country. The reason for this is that we have practically no voice in the revision of the British Pharmacopæia, whereas our kinsmen across the Atlantic would have no Pharmacopæia at all were it not for their pharmacists. Theu the tendencies of both Pharmaeopæias are much akiu. Doubtless iu the last edition of the U.S. Pharmacopæia there was apparent a tendency to Germanise the volume, due to the large number of German pharmacists in the equutry; yet ou the whole American pharmacy is more English thau it is anything else, except American, and for that reason there is an unconscious disposition on the part of the one Pharmacopeia authority to follow in the footsteps of the other, and rice versa. There is this great difference, however: the United States Pharmacopæia is not legalised as ours is, the consequence being somewhat disastrous to the practice of medicine in the States, where, says a medical contemporary, the Pharmacopæia "is much neglected by both the studeut aud the practitioner. It is never suggested to the former as a needful acquisition. It becomes entirely disassociated from his study of materia medica. Naturally, it is rarely referred to in his post-student days. We doubt if the libraries of a hundred physicians taken at raudom would show more than a dozen copies." Unfortunately, a confession very similar to this was made regarding pharmacists by Professor Prescott some time ago, so that this Pharmacopecia is altogether in a bad way. It is not because it is carelessly compiled, iuaccurate or uniuteresting, but the real cause of the unpopularity is the price—five dollars. The British Pharmacopæia is a dollar and a half (the half in practice can be struck off), and is popular. We ask the American committee, now preparing for the seventh decennial revision, to note this fact. The States are infested with special preparations—secret preparations and the like which physicians prescribe and pharmacists encourage simply because they do not know their Pharmacopæia. To inculcate a trust in the national prescription book will be an advance towards relieving American pharmacy from the ban under which it rests.

The first thing which Pharmacopœia revisers have to consider in regard to their labour is the literature of the period, or, in other words, the criticisms and improvements made upon their previous work. Professor Attfield's celebrated scrapbook, with its twenty years' cuttings, has emphasised this necessity so far as the British Pharmacopœia is concerned. In regard to the United States work we have before us something similar in less bulky and, perhaps, more interesting form. This is a "digest of criticisms on the U.S.P." prepared under the direction of Dr. Charles Rice, chairman of the Committee of Revisiou. These criticisms are culled from the principal American journals; this

country is represented by the Pharmaceutical Journal and THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, while Pharmaceutische Centralhalle and Archiv der Pharmacic are representatives of Continental literature, and the substance of the whole is condensed into a pamphlet of 189 pages, each one of which is full of interest. For, as Dr. Rice says, the literature between 1883 and 1887 "represents a much greater degree of progress in pharmacy than that afforded by any similar period of time previous to this decade." The difficulties of Pharmacopæia revision are correspondingly increased; as the mass of literature grows the trouble of sifting is all the greater, and, what is worse, equally eminent authorities have to be reconciled. The "digest" is a veritable object lesson in these respects. Here we have on one page ten different processes for making dilute hydrobromic acid; phosphoric acid is almost as troublesome, and if we desire to be thoroughly "mixed" we have only to turn to the pages on which cinchona assay and opium assay are the butt of the dozens who have had a hit at them. A little, however, is thrown in to relieve the tedium; garlie, for instance, is, according to the U.S.P., to be "preserved" in a dry place, yet "used fresh"; Maisch recommends hot water for preparing medicated waters, Krause uses cold water; Hirsch says caffeine is soluble in 9.5 parts of boiling water, the German Pharmacopæia says in 2 parts; and so we might go on to the end of the book. For isinglass plaster we are told "a process is useless, since the factory-made plaster is in universal use in the U.S." Now here is a strange principle which will rouse the ire of some British pharmacists. What of our green extracts, nay, all our extracts, liquid and solid, our plasters, our quinine, and what not? Carry out the principle rigidly, and we whittle down the Pharmacopæia to a ridiculous extent. On the other hand, a true appreciation of the principle cannot fail to be of advantage to Pharmacopæia revisers. In many cases they cannot keep pace with large manufacturers who, for economy and profit, must continually be improving their processes, thus relieving the retailer of his trifling operations, and enforcing a greater dependence upon Pharmaeopœial characters and tests. These, we notice, receive careful attention in the digestindeed all the constituent parts of a Pharmacopæia are fairly treated, and the editor does not appear to have missed many critieisms of importance. Such a "digest" as this is instructive; it specially promotes a sincere respect for the revisers who have to bring the chaos to order, and we should hope that they would have their reward in an extended and real use of the Pharmacopæia.

EUONYMIN.

DR. JOHN KING, the father of American eclectic medicine, and the originator of the so-ealled resinoids, was early in the history of these preparations assailed by pungent criticism in regard to their value, and he found it necessary to say something. "The statements are unworthy of reply," he said, adding, "the attempts made to force manufactured articles upon the profession without aequainting them with the principles or mode of manufacture are altogether worthy of nostrum-mongers and charlatans, and will be frowned down by every honourable and pure-minded individual. . . . Many articles now prepared as concentrated agents are merely dried aqueous or alcoholic solutions, and in many instances arc vastly inferior to the crude articles from which they are prepared." If these sentences of Dr. King's had been written now instead of years ago, they would with fair accuracy describe the nature of much of the stuff which is now supplied for euonymin. The worst feature about our present supply is that complete sophistication appears, for the first time in

the history of the drug, to have been attempted. The bright green powder, supposed to owe its colour to extract of Indian hemp, is evidently not a resinoid at all, but a mixture of substances destitute of chologogue properties, and in no way related to Wahoo bark. It is satisfactory to note that the exposure of this sophistication has been followed by a hasty withdrawal of the stuff by the manufacturer, and it is probable that retail pharmacists will in future refuse to accept any euonymin of a grass-green colour. The manner in which this resinoid is made from the young green bark is such that it is impossible to retain the brightness of the natural chlorophyll. The use of alum and alkali during precipitation tends to dull the brightness, and the presence in the finished product of a fair percentage of extractive matter is also conducive to a dull sage-green colour. We have previously stated that the euonymin which Professor Rutherford used in his investigation on the action of chologogues was the green variety. It would be reasonable, therefore, to encourage the use of this; but ever since the article has come into common use it has given great dissatisfaction. No two samples are alike in any particular—the water soluble and spirit soluble constituents, the added inorganic matter, and the shade of colour are as variable as the weather of these spring days. It is for these reasons mainly that we have urged that brown euonymin should always be used; and this not only because the green euonymin is an unreliable article, but because the brown has never been subject to serious criticism—in fact the statements by a correspondent last week are exceptional. The want of a recognised standard for articles of this kind is really at the bottom of the variation in the commercial article. But the question arises. What is a fair standard for euonymin? We have the best authority for saying that when the British Pharmacopæia for 1885 was under revision this question was one which the committee endeavoured to answer satisfactorily, but they could not, probably because little or nothing has been published about it. The Pharmacopæia committee was certainly not too bold; enonymin is not difficult to make, and a few experiments would have taken the committee upon the proper track, or satisfied them that it is not possible to produce a resinoid free from added earthy matter. In that case a hydro-alcoholic extract of the bark, such as that of the United States Pharmacopæia, might have been officialised. Probably the Conference Formulary Committee will lead the way. Meanwhile, taking into consideration the constitution of the bark, and the method of preparing euonymin, we would suggest the following as reasonable standards by which the quality of the brown resinoid may be judged: -(1) It should yield, on incineration, not more than 15 per cent, of ash; (2) treated with rectified spirit at least 60 per cent. of its weight should be dissolved. The tincture, on evaporation to dryness, should not present an oily appearance. (3) Water should not dissolve more than 40 per cent. of the dry enonymin; (4) a dose of 3 grains mixed with a little syrup and water should have a decided aperient effect upon an adult male. We shall not attempt to formulate a standard for green euonymin, as we have already shown that it is not possible to get it twice alike. Moreover, it is prepared exclusively for the European, and that in effect is the English, market, while the American eclectics will use nothing but the brown euonymin. Verbum sap.

OILS OF CASSIA AND ANISE.

Some important particulars with regard to what (according to the writers) appears to be becoming the general practice of adulterating essential oil of cassia are given in Mcssrs. Schimmel & Co.'s April report. After referring to the manner

in which the price of that oil on the Hong Kong market has advanced from \$103 per pieul, or about 3s. $2\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., in September, 1888, to \$120 per picul, or, say, 3s. 9d. per lb., in February, 1889, and still appears to show signs of a further rise, the report makes mention of a rather alarming discovery which has been made at Messrs. Schimmel's works during the rectifying of some eassia oil. The rectification, in short, would seem to have revealed the fact that the greater part of the cassia oil of commerce is of a grossly adulterated nature, and nothing short of united and energetic action on the part of the European buyers at the Chinese ports will suffice, it is said, to put a stop to this evil practice.

Cassia oil is brought into commerce by the European agents in Macao, Canton, and Hong Kong, who buy it from the native producers through the medium of Chinese middlemen. The labels affixed to the packages all bear the name of Macao, but Messrs. Schimmel & Co. state—what, indeed, is well known—that the oil is not actually distilled there. They suspect that the sophisticators of the drug are the distillers themselves, who bring it to the trade eentres already adulterated. A shipment which was accompanied by a guarantee from the Hong Kong Medical Hall declaring it to be genuine unadulterated oil of cassia, of 1.060 specific gravity, dissolving readily in alcohol at 80° T., and perfectly volatile, when tested by the purchasers in Europe was found to contain no less than 20 per cent. of an insoluble resin, as well as a not inconsiderable percentage of petroleum, the latter having probably been added in order to again bring up the specific gravity and the consistency of the mixture to the nominal point of pure cassia oil. The examination of samples taken from four of the principal brands of cassia oil now in commerce, viz.:-

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Yellow label with American eagle and name . YAN LOONG, Macao Yellow label with sailing vessel and name . Cheong Loong, Macao Pink label with flower design and name . Luen Tai, Macao Red label with words "Best Cassia Oil" . Ying Chong, Macao
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showed that the first three named were grossly adulterated. The appearance, so it is stated, of these oils at onee excites snspicion by the dark brown colour and the unusual consistence of the samples—the oil when shaken being apt to cling to the sides of the bottle. The specific gravity of the samples under examination did not differ much from that mentioned in the certificate of purity, ranging from 1 052 to 1.065. The boiling-points lay between 200° and 295°. After distillation between 23 and 26 per cent. of the sample remained behind in the shape of a brittle resin. In order to remove all doubt as to the character of the samples, and with a view of forestalling the anticipated explanation that resin was caused by heating over an open fire, several canisters of the three brands indicated were distilled over water. The bulk of the distillate thus obtained sank to the bottom of the water, and the latter was found upon examination to be petroleum. The distillation over water also yielded between 19 and 26 per cent. of a residual resin, of a brittle character. The fourth parcel of cassia oil—that of the Ying Chong ehop—only gave a loss of 7 per cent. in the distillation over water, while the whole of the residue remained liquid. This chop, therefore, the investigators recommend to the attention of the Hong Kong and Macao agents.

For the proper examination of the oil it is absolutely necessary to distil it over an open fire or by means of vapour. The residue should not harden when cooling, and the parts which volatilise first should have no flavour of petroleum. If the distillation is continued, about 90 per cent. of pure cassia oil should be distilled by the water vapour, and the rectified oil should have a specific gravity of between 1.055 and 1.065. With regard to Messrs. Schimmel & Co.'s somewhat alarming

assertions, we may say that in this country buyers attach very little weight to the labels on the packages, as it is the universal custom among the large consumers to buy the oil according to sample, and it does not seem that this mode of doing business has thus far given rise to any unusual number of claims. Some of the Continental customers of our exporters do indeed give the preference to one particular brand or the other, but as a great deal of the Continental business in cassia oil is now transacted directly, the fancies of Continental consumers do not any longer affect the trade in this eountry. It appears that the cassia oil, though shipped to Europe from Hong Kong, is all brought there from Maeao, further southwards. Macao is in fact the market where the oil originally changes possession from the hands of the natives into those of European dealers, but as it is a decaying old town, and not, we believe, in direct communication with Europe, the oil has to be sent on to Hong Kong for further shipment. With the further opening up of the border-land between China and Tonquin, it is probable that cassia oil, as well as most other products of Southern China which now find their way viâ Macao, will be diverted to other routes.

A second statement in Messrs. Schimmel's report to which we desire to draw special attention is that referring to the relative output of oil of star anise and of European anise. In the report Mr. John C. Umney and Mr. John Moss are found fault with because the former in a paper on the congealing point of oil of anise read at an evening meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society last February stated that by far the greater portion of the anise oil now used in commerce was that of star anise. "A very high authority," the author of the paper continued, "gives it that for every lb. of "aniseed' oil (Pimpinella anisum) one would meet with 1,000 lbs. or even more of star anise oil (Illicium anisatum). And in the debate following the paper Mr. Moss asserted that he believed the proportion of one to a thousand to be much below the mark, and the real figures to be nearer one in ten thousand. "It is evident from these statements," now say Messrs. Schimmel, "that our English colleagues very much under-estimate the importance of the manufacture of anise oil, and as we eannot allow their erroneous statements to obtain further currency, we wish to point out as follows: In our factory alone, under normal conditions, 7,000 kilos. (= 140 cwt.) of aniseed are worked every day, equalling a daily production of 200 kilos. of oil. Between October, 1887, and May, 1888, about 800,000 kilos. (= 800 tons) of aniseed were consumed on our works, producing about 24,000 kilos., or 53,500 lbs., of oil, and we are well within the mark if we calculate the production of aniseed oil from Pimpinella anisum as follows:-

which by weight equals 1,400 cases of star anise oil. It may be questioned whether the entire yearly production of star anise oil equals 1,400 eases, let alone 1,000 or 10,000 times that number." And in another paragraph they add:—
"As regards oil of star anise, that article has been very much pushed in the background in several of the principal consuming centres, in consequence of the low prices of oil of anise. Even in markets such as North America, where, some years ago, star aniseed oil was used almost exclusively, the employment of oil of anise advances every year." Now, we believe Messrs. Schimmel & Co. are rather under a misapprehension if they believe that the speakers at the evening meeting referred, or meant to refer, to the world's

consumption of oil of anisc. They did nothing of the kind. Both Mr. Umney and Mr. Moss (though the latter might, perhaps, have been content without improving upon the previous speaker's statement) referred throughout their remarks to the consumption of anise oil in this country only, and both were perfectly well aware that in Germany, and other countries where the oil from A. pimpinella is official, their remarks would not hold good. As regards the production of star anise oil, although no precise figures are available, we would not put it as high as 1,400 cases per year by a long way.

Trade Notes.

Mr. Sharman, of Gravesend, has been appointed to supply the chemicals and drugs required at the Gravesend Union Workhouse.

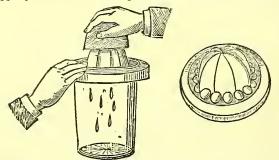
MESSRS. E. HARLEY & Co., chemists and dentists, of Hackney, London, have recently opened a branch business at 14 Melbourne Grove, adjoining the Railway Station, East Dulwich, S.E. The shop was fitted by Mr. E. Natali, Old Street, Shoreditch.

MESSRS. BLONDEAU & Co. have had such good results from their offer advertised in this journal last week that they renew it this week. Those, therefore, who wish to get a box of "Vinolia" or of "Vinolia" soap at half price should address the agents, Messrs. Roberts & Co., 76 New Bond Street, W.

The old-established firm of Messrs. Berkley, Taylor & Co. Brisbane, has been disposed of to Mr. Edward Taylor, one of the late partners, and Mr. Evan Prosser (of Messrs. Kempthorne, Prosser & Company's New Zealand Drug Company (Limited) and of the late firm of E. Prosser & Co., wholesale druggists, Sydney, New South Wales). The business will be continued for the present in the old premises, Queen Strect, until their new warehouse in Charlotte Street is completed.

Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co. have prepared a very handsome showcard, in which the Eiffel Tower is the central figure and the Paris Exhibition the background. The card is in chromo tint, and is fixed upon a solid-looking mount, the bevelled edges of which are finished in claret-coloured leatherette with gold lettering. The card is suitable for the counter, but as a centre-piece for the window it is especially attractive. Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co. will send one of them to any non-cutting chemist with 51. worth of goods supplied direct or through the wholesale houses.

THE "MODERN" LEMON-SQUEEZER is brought before the trade by Messrs. B. & E. McHugh & Co., of Belfast. It is the simplest and least objectionable article of the kind which has come under our notice. The squeezer is made entirely of glass, and fits the rim of a tumbler like a cover. The upper part, which is the shape of a lemon, has a number of



prominent ridges or points, and at the base a corresponding number of holes. In use the squeezer is set upon a tumbler, then half a lemon placed upon the points, and by simply pressing downwards, rotating slightly, the whole of the clear juice enters the tumbler uncontaminated with pulp, seeds, or the bitter principle of the rind. As the squeezer is made entirely of glass and sells for a shilling, a good trade in it can be done during the incoming summer.

Personalities.

Mr. L. FAIRTHORNE, the senior registered chemist in Tasmania, is now in this country on a visit.

MR. J. J. WHARMBY, chemist and druggist, Mansfield, has purchased a property in Westgate there for 8001.

Mr. W. G. Lancaster, chemist, and Mr. John T. Wardle, chemist, Chesterfield, are proposed as vestry overseers for the ensuing year.

MR. G. S. V. WILLS, F.L.S., &c., gave a lecture on "Heat," with numerous experiments, to the Upton Chapel Young Men's Association, Lambeth Road, on Tuesday last.

THE trustees of the late Mr. Walker, High Street, Tewkesbury, have disposed of the business to Mr. Foulcher, who has been with Messrs. Savory & Moore, London, for the past eight years.

MESSES. MARION & Co., of Soho Square, W., have just published a new list of photographic dry plates, which includes very complete instructions for the preparation of developing solutions, all of which are based upon the percentage principle.

Mr. A. H. Mason, F.C.S., has compiled a very readable review on the new antiseptic and germicide, hydronaphthol, giving its history, description, and applications, with reports upon its uses in medicine, surgery, plarmacy, &c. The pamphlet is published by Seabury & Johnston, of 46 Jewin Street, E.C., the manufacturers of hydronaphthol.

WE are indebted to Messrs. John Moss & Co., of Galen Works, Deptford, for three microscopic slides of cascara sagrada, showing longitudinal and transverse sections of the true, Oregon, and so-called false or winter barks. The sections are exceedingly well mounted, and show the close similarity between—or, rather, the practical identity of—the barks. Messrs, John Moss & Co. inform us that they are prepared to supply these slides at a trifling price.

Mr. James T. Wightman, chemist and druggist, of Seaham Harbour, was last week at a public meeting in the town presented with the Royal Humane Society's testimonial in vellum for saving the life of a solicitor's clerk, who was in imminent danger of drowning in the sea while bathing in July last. Mr. Wightman, who acts as teacher of swimming to the local club, along with a local draper rescued him.

THE will of the late Mr. John Williams, which was proved on March 26 (and the particulars of which we published last week), has now been fully entered. The gross personal estate amounted to 30,399l. 10s., and the net to 30,254l. 1s. The stamp-duty paid on the probate was 909l.

MR. Fink, of the well-known New York drug firm of Lehn & Fink, was in London this week. In company with a London wholesale druggist who does an extensive American trade, he went round on Wednesday to inspect the drugs offered for sale at the public auctions.

WHEN WILL WHITEHALL MOVE?—Writing of the fatal accident at Islington with a battery solution (mcreuric sulphate) the *Medical Press* says, "It is high time that the law interfered to prohibit the dispensing of poisons except in distinctive bottles." In this category our contemporary includes "carbolic acid and other strong poisons."

SULPHITE OF SODIUM AS A DEVELOPER.—M. Paul Poiré recently communicated a paper on this subject to the Academy of Sciences. He said that the best results are obtained when the sulphite is in the proportion of 25 per cent., with 1.5 gramme of pyrogallic acid added. The development is slower, but more intense and clearer, than when the sulphite contains carbonate, and the bath may be used repeatedly, and preserved for months in corked bottles.

HOANG-NAN.—Sir Sherston Baker contributes to a contemporary a paper on hoang-nan, the Chinese drug supposed to be derived from a *Strychnos*, and which was several years ago vaunted for the cure of leprosy, hydrophobia, and certain diseases of the skin. Whether interest in the drug can now be revived or not remains to be seen.

Trade Report.

Notice to Retail Buyers:—It should be remembered that the quotations in this section are invariably the lowest net cash prices actually paid for large quantities in bulk. In many cases allowances have to be added before ordinary prices can be ascertained. Frequently goods must be picked and sorted to suit the demands of the retail trade, causing much lubour and the accumulation of rejections, not all of which are suitable, even for manufacturing purposes.

It should also be recollected that for many articles the range of quality is very wide.

42 CANNON STREET, E.C., April 4.

DUSINESS has again been extremely quiet this week, and there seems to be but little hope of any improvement on this side of Easter. The drug auctions held to-day, notwithstanding the fact that there will be an interval of four weeks until the next sales, passed off in extreme dulness and with very few changes of importance. In the chemical markets we can report a somewhat better feeling for quinine, while cocaine is also dearer. Morphia remains quiet, and camphor firm. Tartaric acid is again a shade lower, and cream of tartar remains pretty nearly where it was. Quicksilver slightly and copper sulphate decidedly weaker.

In drugs there has been an improvement, though only to a very small extent, in rhubarb and Cape aloes. Castor and cod-liver oils are hardeuing; saffron and vanilla have also made a fresh advance, and fine qualities of gum arabie bring higher and higher prices. Cassia oil is also a little firmer, and for ipecacuanha a nominal advance of 1s. per lb. is asked. There has been some slight decline in the price of Curaçao aloes; cardamoms are considerably lower, gum elemi aud quassia may also be had for less money. Calumba root a nd guinea grains are somewhat weaker, aud other articles which have declined since our last report are Palembang gum benjamin, gum mastic, cumin seeds, Tinnevelly senna, tamarinds, musk, and oils of citronella, eloves, star anise, and peppermint (HGH). In drysalteries turmeric and Irish moss are somewhat firmer, but shellac, gambier, cocoa butter, and cloves are all lower.

A SHELLAC CIRCULAR.—A number of firms interested in the shellac trade received this moruing a circular, marked "Private and confidential," and reading as follows:—

"Minciug Lane, London, April 3.

"DEAR SIR,

"Shellac.

"The rash speculation that is now taking place in this article causes me to address a few lines of warning to many of my old clients.

"When I see a 'ring' formed each afternoon, mostly composed of inexperienced young brokers and weak speculators, and thousands of cases during the week bought and sold, without any going to the consumer, experience tells me it must end in disaster.

"The stock of shellac in the last four years, and the prices of 'ordinary orange' and garnet is as follows:—

_	April, 1889	April, 1838	April, 1887	April, 1886
Stock Fair Orange Garne:	66,911	78,927	62,104	64,100
	70s.	45s.	46s.	50s.
	57s.	37s. 6d.	43s.	47s.

"The advauce is great: what is there to justify this? The usual (false) report that the 'sticklac crop had failed,' whereas in the three months of this year the laudings are 8,941 cases, and 17,130 cwt. arrived and on the water, having been shipped in February and March, not included in above figures, and a good quantity is being shipped to America. These are facts which speak for themselves, and plainly prove that buyers are being again deceived.

"Eveu allowing that not so much sticklac has been collected—which I disbelieve—the makers in India are seuding enough for trade requirements, leaving a large stock on hand, for it is plain from the falling off in the March deliveries that consumers will not stock at nearly double the price; and in

six months hence a 'new crop will be collected,' which is nearly sure to be large at present enhanced prices.

"If a 'ring' to advance the price of copper ends in disaster when supported by wealthy institutions, what must be the end of 'the shellac ring' speculators, who buy thousands of cases for months ahead and pay no deposit nor give any security to ensure fulfilment of the contracts they enter into?

"To save many of my friends from ruin is why these

remarks are addressed.

" For obvious reasons I beg to subscribe myself,

"AN OLD BROKER."

Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888.—We learn that the committee appointed by the chemical section of the London Chamber of Commerce, consisting of Messrs. R. Barron, W. H. Francis, D. Howard, F. H. Lescher, T. Tyrer, and Umuey (of London), and Messrs. Barelay (Birmingham), Evans (Liverpool), and Wyley (Coventry), have held several meetings at the London Chamber of Commerce, and will immediately after Easter call a meeting of the trade in order to present their report before their objections are finally drafted for presentation to the Board of Trade and the railway companies. We have no doubt that such a thoroughly representative committee will not lose sight of the chief and important matters involved in the new classifications and rates proposed by the railway companies, as-affecting the drug and chemical trade.

At to-day's Drug Sales Mr. Figgis inquired whether it was the wish of the trade that no drug auctions should be held on April 18, on account of the proximity of that date to Easter. Speaking for his own firm, he was willing to follow the wishes of the trade; and these, as expressed at the sale-rooms, were undoubtedly in favour of postponing the next drug sales until May 2. This was ultimately agreed to, and no drug auctions will, therefore, be held here until four weeks from to-day.

ACIDS.—Citric unaltered at 1s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$, per lb. on the spot. Tartaric again lower and very dull; foreign brands might be had at 1s. $2\frac{3}{4}d$, and English at a trifle over that price. Oxalic quiet at $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.

ACONITE ROOT.—The 23 bags which arrived *viâ* Hamburg last week were offered at auction to-day. A bid of 32s. 6d. per cwt. was suggested by the holders, but could not be obtained.

ALOES.—Of Cape aloes about 50 cases were sold to-day at an improvement of about 6d. per cwt. on the recent rates, good to fine bright hard selling at 19s. to 19s. 6d., slightly drossy to fair at 17s. 6d. to 18s. 6d., and common down to 12s. 6d. per cwt. One case livery-streaked Natal brought 20s. per cwt. Of Curação aloes over 300 cases sold, including a rather large proportion of good and fair quality, but the prices realised were slightly below what has been paid recently: good bright orange liver, 63s. to 65s.; fair to good brown mixed, 50s. to 55s.; darker, from 35s. to 42s.; good bright Capey, 26s.; dark coarse to very common soft liver, 19s. down to 7s. 6d. per cwt. Fairly good brown soft Zanzibar aloes, iu kegs, were bought in at 80s. to 85s. per cwt.; good hard bright Socotrine at 7l. 10s. per cwt.

ANISE.—Chinese Star anise is in request, but there is next to nothing offering here. In Hamburg, we understand, an advance has been paid. The mail reports from Chiua say that there is a somewhat better inquiry there, but holders of the small stock are continually asking more money. At auction 86 packages of spurious (Japanese) star anise were shown, the price being meutioned as 20s. per cat., but no bids were made.

Annatro.—Four packages fair to good bright seed, from Jamaica, sold at $2\frac{3}{4}d$. to $3\frac{1}{4}d$. to-day, and 13 packages good bright Ceylon seed at 3d. per lb

Arsenic.—Firm at 13l. to 13l. 5s. for best white powder.

Balsam.—The available supplies of *Copaiba* are still very small, for though cousignments of "balsams" are entered pretty freely they do not appear to include any quantity of good copaiba balsam. At to-day's auctions five barrels

rather cloudy thick Maranham were shown, and for these 3s. 2d. per lb. is asked. In Liverpool the stock is also very small, and prices are purely uominal. *Peru* quiet, but said to be selling privately at 4s. 3d. per lb. For 13 cases good *Tolu* balsam au offer of 1s. 3d. per lb. was solicited without response.

Bromine and all bromides are firm but unchauged.

BUCHU.—Only a few odd lots were offered at to-day's sales, and partly disposed of at very low prices, one 3-cwt. bale long dull stalky leaves at $2\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., and 2 bales round yellow and small at $1\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb.

CALABAR BEANS.—In Liverpool the market remains very firm, and fair quality is held at $9\frac{1}{4}d$ to $9\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. At today's drug sales seven packages were offered and bought in, good but dull-coated at 1s., bright-eoated at 1s. 4d. per lb.

Calumba.—At auction 170 packages were offered, but only 3 bags were sold at 3s. per cwt. for common pickings. The bids made for good quality were lower than at the last auction. For an entire parcel of 120 bags fair small to bold yellowish mixed sorts 15s. 6d. per cwt. was refused, and a bid of 21s. was also declined for good medium to bold root.

CAMPHOR (CRUDE).—We hear that 50 tubs of Japan camphor were sold this week on the spot (re-weights) at 92s. 6d. per cwt. Early this week the quotation by cablegram from Hong Kong was 88s. c.i.f. terms, sailer shipment. A consignment of 150 packages arrived from Nagasaki per Merionethshire this week, and one of 181 per Alberta a Kobe. Mail reports from Hong Kong, dated February 26, state that the demand for India had become very slack and a further drop was expected, although the quotations were already below those ruling in Japan.

CAMPHOR (REFINED).—English makers quote flowers at 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d., bells at 1s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$., and tablets, according to size, at 1s. $4\frac{1}{3}d$. to 1s. $9\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., and report a firm market with steady sales. In Hamburg refined camphor is firmer, we hear, and the German agents are also inclined to ask a little more money.

Cardamoms.—At to-day's auctious the 303 packages shown only met with lower offers; and, holders not being inclined to accept these, the bulk was bought in, only about 60 packages being disposed of at 4d. to 6d. per lb. deeline.

For 42 cases good Mangalore, $\stackrel{\text{CC}}{\text{C}}$ brand, 2s. 10d. per lb. was offered, and may, perhaps, be accepted. Ceylon-Malabar sold at 2s. 4d. for good heavy medium to bold brownish; 2s. 3d. for fair pale medium round; 2s. for good medium to bold but slightly specky; 1s. 8d. for smaller ditto; 1s. 10d. for fair small to medium yellow round; 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d. for small to medium yellow; and 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d. per lb. for smaller ditto. Mysore: Fine pale heavy long and round, 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d.; fair pale round medium, 1s. 10d. to 1s. 9d.; small and dull, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d. per lb. Tellicherry: Dull thin, $7\frac{1}{2}d$. Seed: Ordinary pale to damaged, 1s. 4d. to 1s. 2d. per lb. The shipments of cardamoms from Ceylon for the periods between October 1 and March 7 are given as follows:—1838—9, 152,350 lbs.: 1837—8, 184,869 lbs.; 1886—7, 175,709 lbs.

CASCARA SAGRADA.—There is nothing new to report this week, 3s. 6d. per lb. being still asked.

CASCARILLA.—A parcel of 58 bags was offered, but remained unsold. The prices asked are as follows:—Good bold silvery quill, about one third dust, 32s. 6d.; dusty small and dark mixed quill, 26s.; fairly good thin twigs, 25s. per cwf.

Castorum.—At auction 83 lbs. were sold at 31s. 6d· to 33s. 6d. per lb. for fair thirds to seconds, and low rates for skins and almost empty pods.

CHAMOMILES.—Privately the article remains firmly held, but there is very little business passing in it. At auction several parcels were shown, mostly of inferior quality, but yet proving that in case of need some supplies would still be forthcoming from the second hand. Two bales very good pale French chamomiles are limited at 6l., 20 bales ordinary grey seconds were bought in at 85s., and 24 bales small yellow to dark flowers sold at 45s. to 20s. per cwt.

CINCHONA.—Only a small assortment of South American barks was offered to-day, and for these there was no demand. Guayaquil bark all bought in. Eighteen serons flat yellow Calisaya were also bought in at 1s. 8d. to 1s. 10d. per lb. For some old Carthagena bark an offer of \(\frac{1}{2}d\) per lb. was solicited without success. Forty-four packages hard Pitayo bought in, \(\frac{5}{6}d\) per lb. being unobtainable. For a parcel of 80 packages good bold Maracaibo 9d. per lb. is asked. Two cases good bold East Indian druggists' quill natural succirubra sold at 1s. per lb., and 4 packages thin ditto from Java at 8d. per lb. The exports of cinchona from Ceylon between October 1 and March 7 have been—1888-9, 5,271,295 lbs.; 1887-8, 4,137,546 lbs.: 1886, 6,898,427 lbs. The exports of cinchona bark from Java during the last three seasons in the periods between July 1 and Jauuary 31 have been as follows:—

			1888-9	1837–8	1886-7
Government	plantations	 Amst. lbs.	442,093	467,511	399,391
Private	,,	 **	2,213,960	1,808,880	1,063,221
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	Total	,	2,656,056	2,276,391	1,462,612

CLOVES.—The market is dull, and sales are being made at lower prices. This week 463 bales Zanzibar were bought in at $7\frac{1}{4}d$. to $7\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb. Penang also lower with sales by auction at $10\frac{3}{5}d$. to $10\frac{3}{4}d$. for ordinary to fair quality. Our London stock of cloves is enormous, and now equals fully a year's average consumption.

Coca Leaves.—For 26 bales good fresh green but broken leaves 11d. per lb. was said to be refused. Twelve bales good fresh Huanoco bought in at 1s. per lb. Large supplies have come to hand in Hamburg.

COCAINE.—It is said that the crude South American drug is dearer, and to-day some of the German agents have received instructions to raise the price of the hydrochlorate. German in bulk is now held at 14s. 6d. per oz.

COCOA BUTTER.—At the monthly auctions a further decline of $1\frac{1}{4}d$. per lb. took place, 400 2-cwt. cases of *Cadbury's* brand being sold at $10\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., a few lots up to 11d. per lb.

COPPER (SULPHATE) is again lower, and closes dull at 24l. on the spot, and 23l. for May.

CREAM OF TARTAR remains dull, although there are, perhaps, some slight signs of improvement. First crystals are held at 91s, to 92s, per cwt., but more than one importer informs us that his correspondents say they cannot sell below 92s, per cwt. "c.i.f." terms.

CUMIN SEED.—This article is still on the decline, and at to-day's auctions 30s. per cwt. was accepted for some rather dark *Malta* seed, and 24s. for a damaged parcel. Other lots are held at 32s. to 34s, per cwt.

CUTTLE-FISH. – Fifteen cases good pale, but broken, bone from Bombay sold at 5d. per lb., and 10 cases rather discoloured and broken at 4d. per lb.

Dragonsblood.—Although no less than 42 packages were offered at the auctions, two only found buyers, at 51.5s. for fair reddish, but broken, finger.

ERGOT OF RYE.—Thirty-eight bags wormy Spanish ergot, partly sifted, were all bought in at 1s. 6d. per lb.

EUPHORBIA PILULIFERA.—For 50 lbs. good flowery, but somewhat dusty, herb 2s. 9d. per lb. is asked, and for three bales ordinary thin herb, 1s. 6d per lb.

Galls.—In *Turkey* galls there is very little business doing, although holders appear willing to make concessions. Best blue Bassorah are quoted at 57s. to 57s. 6d., green at 50s., and white at 45s. per cwt. At to-day's auctions 103 packages were offered, and sold without reserve at 42s 6d. to 53s. As regards *China* galls, we hear of business for arrival, March steamer shipment, at 56s. 6d. per cwt. "c.i.f." terms. This week cablegrams from Shanghai have been received quoting 57s. per cwt. "c.i.f." terms, steamer shipment.

Gambier.—Block is rather quiet; at auction 884 bales sold "without reserve" at 6d. decline, viz., 25s. 9d. to 26s. "all faults, ex quay, re-weights." For arrival business is reported at 25s. 9d. to 26s. for February-March, and March-April at 25s. 6d. per cwt.

GAMBOGE.—The demand is very slow. Of 15 cases offered at auction to-day only three were sold; fair fractured but somewhat damp broken pipe at 11*l*. 5s., more drossy ditto at 10*l*. 17s. 6d., ordinary drossy block and pickings at 10*l*. 2s. 6d. per cwt.

GLYCERINE.—Business in double distilled, specific gravity 1.260, is almost at a standstill at present, although the prices quoted last week still remain in force.

GUINEA GRAINS.—Prices have become rather irregular, but seem to be less firm. For good quality 30s. per cwt. is quoted.

GUM ARABIC.—A fair supply of Turkey sorts and other gnms was offered to-day, and partly sold at extreme prices for the latter. Good sorts realised 191. 17s. 6d.: for fair pale yellow grain, $ri\dot{a}$ Barcelona. 18l. is asked: fine pale white siftings brought 12l. 10s.: and good palish coarse grain 15l. 10s. For fine pale frosted but dusty white Mogadore 8l, to 8l. 2s. 6d. was refused; amber sorts sold at 6l. 7s. 6d.; Australian small to bold, rather dark glassy drop, 44s. per cwt.

GUM BENJAMIN.—There have been a good many arrivals lately, but much of this, as shown at to-day's auctions, is of so inferior a quality that it can scarcely count. Of the 296 cases (including a large proportion of Palembang gum) offered to-day at least one-third was little better than rubbish. Siam gum, good pale blocky grain, was bought in at 13l. per ewt. Numatra, tine pale almondy seconds, of good flavour, 9l. 10s.; fair seconds, good almondy centres, but false-packed corners, 7l. 10s. to 7l. 15s.; more false-packed, 7l.; ordinary dark-packed thirds, 95s. per ewt. Penang, fair glassy seconds, dark borders, 6l. 2s. 6d. Palembang, fair almondy, in small boxes, 60s., marking a decided decline. We notice the arrival this week of two consignments of 25 cases each, and one of 78 cases.

GUM ELEMI sold cheaper to-day, at 35s. for 20 boxes good white Manila.

GUM GUAIACUM.—Two cases good brown drop sold at 1s, 10d., and ordinary drossy block at 6d. per lb.

GUM MASTIC lower. Five cases good pale drop, said to have been sold by a judicial order, brought 2s. 2d. per lb.

GUM MYRRH very neglected and tending easier. For good pale sorts 87s. 6d. per cwt. was refused, but other parcels were bought in at 85s. per cwt.

Hellebore Root.—Ten bales very fibrous root, just landed from Bordeaux, sold at 20s. per cwt.

Hemidesmus Root.—For one bale good quality 1s. per lb. is asked, while 5 bales fair brown rather dark sold at 5d. per lb.

HONEY.—Arrivals continue to take place on a rather liberal scale, 856 packages being entered to-day from San Francisco, and 250 from Valparaiso. At auction Jamaica honey still brings full prices: good thin reddish 37s, fair brown 31s. 6d. per cwt. For 19 cases palish hard Californian 40s. per ewt. was refused to-day.

IODINE steady at 9d. per oz. for crude, and 13s. 3d. per lb. for resublimed. Iodide of potassium quoted at 11s. 6d. to 11s. 9d. per lb.

IPECACUANHA.—Only 22 packages were offered for sale, but the whole quantity was promptly withdrawn when it was found that the trade would not be willing to pay the enhanced price of 8s. per lb. for fairly good partly thin root. An offer of 7s. per lb. for such quality was refused, and the owners hold firmly at 8s. nominally, an advance on the last anetion rates of 1s. per lb.

1RISH Moss is in very small supply, and high rates are realised for the few available parcels.

JABORANDI LEAVES.—The value is from 5d. to $5\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.

JALAP.—Prices still keep up, and at to-day's auction a bid of $6\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb. for good Vera Cruz partly very

KAVA KAVA.—Eight 40-lb. bags of chumpy quality were shown. The price is reported as 9d. per lb.

Kola Nuts.—Although several parcels were shown at today's anetions, none of them were sold. An offer of 2d. per lb. was made for a very common lot, but declined. A well-known importer of this drng writes to us with reference to the parcel above mentioned: "As one very much interested in the kola-nut trade, and in the introduction of this food, I regret extremely that brokers, who ought at least to know whether a drug is simply rotten or not, should allow their rooms to be used to show such perfectly rotten and wormeaten material as this. There are some nuts out of which the maggots are actually crawling over the boards."

MERCURIALS.—The makers' quotations remain at 3s. 2d. per lb. for Calonel; Corrosive sublimate, 2s. 6d.; Ointment, 1s. 11d.; Red precipitate, 3s. 5d.; White ditto, 3s. 4d.; Blue pill, 1s. 11d.; and English Vermilion at 2s. 8d. per lb. At to-day's auctions 10 cases Chinese vermilion (Wingkat chop) sold without reserve at 2s. 3d. per lb., one lot at 2s. 4d. per lb.

MORPHIA is very dull and quiet at 4s. 8d. per oz. from the makers.

Musk.—The demand is rather slack, and in sympathy with the accumulating supply (at to-day's auctions alone no less than 45 caddies first pile Tonquin pods were offered) prices have declined 3s, to 4s on the best grades. Only 8 caddies first pile Tonquin pods sold at 88s, 6d, to 88s, per oz, for small to bold pods, with thin blue skin and underskin, dry and well trimmed. The rest was bought in at 90s, to 95s, per oz. For third pile, fine blue skin and underskin, 70s, per oz, is said to be the limit. Ordinary dark badly-trimmed third pile sold at 30s, per oz., and ordinary damp untrimmed rubbish, without reserve, at 15s, 6d, per oz. For Iman hard dry skinny pods 39s, was refused, while for soft bolder pods 45s, is asked. Trimmings sold at 1s, 2d, per oz., and very common Grain musk, without reserve, at 5s, per oz.

NUX VOMICA.—Twenty-seven bags fair silky Cochin seeds were disposed of at 10s, to 12s, per cwt.

OIL (CASTOR) is very firm, and prices are still tending higher. Finest Italian is quoted at $4\frac{\pi}{4}d$. to 5d. per lb., French medicinal at $4\frac{\pi}{4}d$. per lb. An agreement has been arrived at, it is said, by the principal manufacturers in Marseilles, and first pressings are now quoted at 257. 5s. to 257. 10s., second pressings at 247. 10s. per ton, free on board Marseilles. At auction good pale Calcutta firsts sold at $3\frac{\pi}{2}d$. per lb., and firsts were bought in at $4\frac{\pi}{8}d$. per lb. Seconds steady at 3d. per lb.

OIL (Cod-Liver).—The firmness continnes, and the quotations given in our last report are fully confirmed.

OILS (ESSENTIAL).—At auction to-day, of 10 cases good $Star\ anise\ 3$ were sold at 5s. 11d. per lb., which is rather lower. Holders of Cassia oil are firm, and do not care to sell. We understand that 3s. 6d. was last paid on the spot, and 3s. 4d. for arrival. Of Citronella, 50 cases, newly imported, were sold to-day without reserve at lower rates, viz. $\frac{3}{4}d$. per oz. for one lot, and the rest at $\frac{5}{2}d$. per oz. Ten cases Cajuput oil held at 3s. 3d. per bottle. For good pale Cinnamon oil 1s. 3d. per oz. is asked. Seventy-five cases Lemongrass oil from Cochin were offered, and $1\frac{5}{2}d$. per oz. was refused for a lot, $1\frac{3}{4}d$. per oz. being the limit. Nutmeg oil of fine quality is held at 5d. per oz., and paste at $2\frac{5}{8}d$. per oz. For 2 casesof "Fisher's" Patchouly oil 1s. 8d. per oz. is asked. $Peppermint\ oil$.—HGH is lower; of 20 cases 5 were sold at 13s. 6d. per lb., but that price appeared unobtainable for the rest.

OPIUM.—The market remains exceedingly quiet. Druggists' opium is almost a dead letter at present, while the demand for soft shipping is exceedingly moderate.

Orange Peel.—Of 54 packages offered to day 12 were sold at considerably lower rates—7d. to $7\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. for good gelatine cut from Tripoli, and 6d. for fairly good Malta. For a lot of fine thin gelatine cut Malta, pale, 1s. per lb. was refused, the limit being 1s. 2d. per lb.

PISTACINO NUTS.—Eleven packages good nuts are held at $9\frac{1}{2}d$, for fair to 1s, per lb, for good.

PODOPHYLLUM ROOT.—Prices have recently advanced, and brought about an increase in the quotation for the resin.

QUASSIA Wood sold very cheaply to-day. For logs 7*l*, was required the other day, but at auction 6 tons were disposed of at 5*l*. 10*s*. For another lot 5*l*, was refused.

QUICKSILVER.—The importers have this week reduced their price to 7l. 12s. 6d. per bottle, at which figure they have done a large business. To-day they have stopped selling at that price, and require again 7l. 15s. Second-hands are now 7l. 13s.

Quinine.—A rather large business is reported in German brands at somewhat stiffening rates, up to 1s. 1d. to 1s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. on the spot, according to brand, and 1s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. for early delivery is said to have been refused by the B & S agents. For elistant delivery they now require 1s. $2\frac{1}{2}d$. per oz.

RHUBARB.—Of 90 cases offered at auction to-day only a small proportion was sold at full prices, the rest being held at too high figures for the present feeling of the market. In the meantime the arrivals are practically nil, and there has been a good inquiry privately, especially for high-dried root. At auction the following prices were paid:—Shensi, good round druggists' root, \(\frac{3}{4}\) pinky fracture, slightly wormy, 3s. 6d.; small to medium flat \(\frac{3}{4}\) fair even pinky, \(\frac{1}{4}\) loose grey fracture, fair rough coat, 1s. 7d.; medium size, fair coat partly rough, \(\frac{1}{2}\) loose and dark fracture, 1s. 4d.; very wormy, without reserve, 7d. to 10d. per lb. Canton, medium to bold flat, \(\frac{1}{2}\) grey, \(\frac{1}{2}\) dark fracture, 6d.; round ditto, very wormy, \(\frac{61}{2}\)d.; small wormy ditto, 6d. to 7d.; fair round dry wormy, half pinky, 1s. 4d. per lb. High dried small bright coated even pinky, \(1\frac{1}{2}\)d; small, good coat, 9d. per lb.

SAFFRON.---Again reported dearer from Spain to-day, good to finest Valencia, 60s. to 62s. per lb.

SARSPARILLA.—Grey Jamaica sold at 1s. 7d. per lb. for good sound (this was the bottom price acceptable), and 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d. for damages. Guayaquil held at 10d. per lb. Lima Jamaica sold to some extent at 1s. 2d. for sound, and 1s. 1d. for damages.

SENNA.—Nearly 400 packages were offered to-day, almost all of very ordinary quality. Tinnevelly.—About 160 of these sold at somewhat easier rates, good greenish medium to good, $3\frac{1}{4}d$. to $3\frac{3}{4}d$.; fair mixed yellow, $2\frac{3}{4}d$.; common discoloured and dull, 1d. to $1\frac{3}{4}d$.; dark and partly rotten rubbish, $\frac{1}{4}d$. to $\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. Alexandrian senna is held at 5d. to 6d. for stalky to fair small broken leaf. Pods, $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. We have received 123 bales senna from Bombay this week.

Shellac.—The week has been one of continued decline in prices, to-day's quotations at the call being from 8s. to 9s. below last Thursday's. The monthly statistics, though not so unfavourable as had been feared in many quarters, were yet by no means satisfactory—the March shipments from Calcutta having been 9,900 cwt., while the London stock during the same month has grown by nearly 2,000 cases. At the auctions on Tuesday only 288 cases orange lac (88 sold), 20 cases garnet (all sold), and 295 cases button (116 sold) were offered. There was very little bidding, Garnet being about 1s., and Button from 7s. to 8s. lower than at the preceding auctions. Orange lac remained steady. The following prices were paid:—Second orange: Fine good strong, 69s. refused; fair second livery, 66s. Garnet: Good bright AC, one lot 55s.; remainder at 54s. per cwt. For some very superior button lac 107s. 6d. was said to be the limit; but no higher bid was made than 91s.; good firsts, slightly cakey, sold at 82s. to 84s.; fair to good seconds at 76s. to 80s. per cwt. Since the auctions about 2,500 cases have been sold at the "call" (which is now held at 3 o'clock instead of 3.30 P.M.), and the quotations to-day closed as follows:-

			Ap	ril	May	June	July	Aug.
Second Orange 7	∵: N		8.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	s d.	s. d.
Sellers	••		65	0	66 0	67 0	67 6	70 0
Buyers	••	• •	65	0	66 0	67 0	67 0	67 6
Carnet AC								

Entirely nominal, without buyers.

The business consisted of $100~\mathrm{cases}$ T.N. April, $200~\mathrm{May}$, and $700~\mathrm{June}$.

Squills neglected; $2\frac{1}{4}d$, per lb. is asked for fair palish quality.

TAMARINDS.—The new crop of West Indian tamarinds is arriving, and turns out to be of rather inferior quality, dull, mixed, and partly thin. The demand is very limited, and of the 662 packages *Barbadoes* offered for sale by auction on Wednesday ouly 100 sold at 5s. decline as compared with

the opening rates of last season, viz., 20s. for fair quality. To-day another consignment of 664 packages has arrived.

TURMERIC rather better at auction, with sales of good Bengal finger at 10s., and fair Madras ditto at 8s. 6d. per cwt.

Vanilla.—87 packages offered to-day, and were all sold at a fresh advance of 1s. to 1s. 6d. per lb.; good soft crystallised, $5\frac{1}{2}$ -inch to 9-inch, 18s. to 25s. 6d.; fair brownish, $5\frac{1}{2}$ -inch to $8\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 15s. to 21s.; 8-inch to 9-inch, 22s. 6d.; fair dry brown, $5\frac{1}{2}$ -inch to $6\frac{1}{3}$ -inch, 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb.

WAX (BEES') is still well inquired for, and sells at full prices—Jamaica, good yellow, 6l. 5s.; partly dark and brown mixed, 5l. 1s.; half dark to common drossy and dull mixed, 5l. 7s. 6d. to 97s. 6d. per ewt. Italian, good orange, 5l. 10s.; good even orange Mogadore, 97s. 6d.; Australian, grey and yellow, 6l, per cwt.

WAX (JAPAN).—Five cases good pale squares sold at 45s, per cwt.

CHEMICALS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.

THE feeling is gradually growing here that we are approaching the end of the long dull state of matters in the chemical market. The demand for several articles has not only improved—the business done being of a much heavier character—but in some cases prices have decidedly advanced, whilst in others the late decline has been stopped. Negotiations are still going on with regard to several chemicals, and should these result in some general agreement, we shall have higher prices.

ACIDS.—These are all quiet. Tartaric, in only limited demand, at 1s. 3d. to 1s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. Citric is somewhat firmer at 1s. $4\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb. Oxalic is held very firmly at $4\frac{1}{2}d$. net cash. Boracic has been in more ample supply, with sellers for prompt and early forward at 25s. per cwt.

BORAX.—The shipments of this chemical have decidedly improved lately, and makers are holding for 30s., but second-hand lots are selling at 28s. 6d. per cwt. A parcel of Californian borax was offered last week, but was not sold. Holders are asking 30s. for it. For the moment the demand from New York has entirely ceased, and apparently buyers there are waiting to see whether the Californian syndicate will continue in existence as before.

Soda Salts.—Soda ash has been in very steady demand at 1d. to 1½d. per degree, and this chemical fully holds its own. Caustic scda has not only stopped its downward course, but has rallied and is now dearer, buyers having come in to purchase somewhat freely. and second-hand sellers not pressing for orders. The closing quotations are: 60 per cent. cream at 5l. 12s. 6d., 60 per cent. white at 5l. 15s. to 5l. 16s. 3d., and 70 per cent. white at 6l. 12s. 6d. to 6l. 15s. Bicarbonate is firmly held at 4l. 15s. Several orders for special brands under this price cannot be executed. Soda crystals are steady at 2l. 10s., and au early improvement in value is not improbable. Nitrate, in consequence of arrivals, and to some extent by reason of the protracted winter, has had a somewhat sharp decline, the present prices being 10s. 4½d. to 10s. 6d. per cwt.

SULPHUR.—This article is very steady, best thirds held at 4l. 10s., roll at 6l. 5s., and flowers at 8l. 15s. From the number of royalties granted under Chance's new process it would appear that the production of recovered sulphur must be largely increased, and will materially affect the import of foreign.

METAL SALTS.—Iron sulphate is very firm, Welsh selling at 35s. and Lancashire at 36s. per ton.

ARSENIC continues to move off at the late advance, 13\(ll\), per ton being freely paid.

MAGNESIA SULPHATE is freely held at 41.5s. per ton.

COPPER SULPHATE.—The position of this article is somewhat irregular, quotations ranging from 26*l*. to 25*l*. per ton, with a downward tendency and a flat market.

NOTES ON ESSENTIAL OILS.

(From Messrs. Schimmel & Co.'s Half-yearly Report.)

ANISE OIL.—In consequence of disturbances which occurred in August last several Russian dealers in anise have removed from Krassnoje, hitherto the centre of the business, to Ostrogoschk, on the railway from Rostoff to Moscow. The only anise-producing district of Russia is situated between the towns of Krassnoje, Ostrogoschk, and Alexejewka, and covers a comparatively small area. The cultivation is almost entirely in the hands of small farmers, and was formerly one of their principal sources of income. But the present overproduction has so cut down the prices that the cultivation no longer pays. The yield in 1837 was equal to nearly 9,000,000 lbs.

ANGELICA OIL.—The results of the first shipment of Japanese angelica root, of which mention was made in our last report, differ materially from those obtained from the German drug. The shape of the roots is the same, but the Japanese angelica is of a very pale, almost white, colour, and possesses strong fibrils. It belongs without doubt to either the A. refracta, Fr. Schmidt, or the A. anomala, Lall., both of which are cultivated in the open in Japan. Compared with the European roots the Japanese angelica is very deficient in oil, and contains only one-tenth per cent. of an oil which is quite different from the commercial article. Its s.g. at 20° is 0°910, against 0°853 for the German article. The odour is exceptionally intense and lasting. The Japanese oil cannot be used commercially because of its high cost of production.

BERGAMOT OIL.—From last autumn until December prices maintained their advancing tendency, but after that they receded, reaching their lowest point in January last. From that time forward the position has remained a firm one, and although France, the principal consumer, is compelled, through the highness of the duties, to restrict its purchases to what is absolutely necessary, there does not appear to be any particular difficulty in disposing of the production. It may therefore be presumed that the present moderate prices will continue in force for a time. Quite recently the question as to what is the natural colour of bergamot oil has frequently been mooted in commercial circles, and, as erroneous ideas are prevalent upon this subject, we have asked the views of two of the most reliable producers in Reggio, and have received from them the following information: - A writes: "Most of the essential oil of bergamot produced is brownish yellow, but a certain grade has a greenish tint. This latter is an oil which has been prepared from fruit that has ripened prematurely. In commerce this grade is rarely found pure, being generally mixed with oil produced from the later and ripe fruits. Examining this quality in a test tube, it cannot really be called green, it has always a yellowish hue. The emerald-green essences which are shipped from Messina are those which have been kept for a long period in badly-lined coppers, and the oxidation of the latter metal causes the green colour." B writes: "When the bergamot fruit has been newly treated, the oil obtained is of the colour of honey, and this grade is much esteemed and in general demand. The green colour is caused when the oil remains in the coppers for, say, six or seven months. It then destroys the tin lining of the copper vessel, and becomes green from contact with the copper. Every other explanation is wrong.

LEMON-OIL.—Since last autumn a decided fall has taken place in the prices of all varieties of Sicilian oils, brought about by a number of widely divergent causes. In the first place, there has been an immense decrease of the exports, not only owing to the fabulous retrogression of the exports to France, but also generally in the total shipments of these oils. Another important cause is the fact that there is a great scarcity of money in Sieily and Calabria, in consequence of the depreciation of wine, one of the staple products of the country. Another blow was inflicted specially upon the essential-oil market by the eollapse, last February, of one of the principal and oldest Sicilian firms of bankers and produce merchants. This firm is said to have advanced money largely on essential oils, and these had to be sold at any price

after the catastrophe. The shipments of essential oils of all kinds from Messina in 1888 have been 224,510 lbs., worth 3,367,622*l*. From Palermo were shipped 28,089 kilos., valued at 393,246*l*.; from Reggio, 39,012 kilos., worth 585,180*l*.; and from Catania about 7,000 kilos., worth 66,725*l*.

THE POSITION OF QUININE. THE COMBINATION RUNOURS REVIVED.

THE Oil, Paint, and Drug Reporter of March 20 prints a long interview with an "expert," whose name is carefully kept seeret, but whose statements are said to be "authoritative," and who makes the following assertions, which must be taken for what they are worth. The Brunswick factory's dividend of 40 per cent. was not declared for 1888, but for 1887. The dividend for 1888 has not yet been made known, but the earnings for that year will probably reach about 20 per cent. The Brunswick managed to reap such a harvest simply by good management, and selling quinine short. It is the best-managed quinine factory abroad.

There is no more money to be made now in selling short on account of the reduced prices, but the factory in question may realise something from the early deliveries of this year. The low market has brought the quinine manufacturers to realise that some action must be taken to save their industry. With one or two exceptions their concerns have been conducted at a loss for one year and a half, and it is only a question of time when a radical change will be made by the formation of a combination. The last effort in this direction failed because of the jealousy existing between two leading concerns. Meetings were held with the view of harmonising the two factions, but the breach became wider the more it was discussed, and the project of combining the interests had to be abandoned for the time being, but the opportunity is now ripe for reviving it, and we may fully expect to see a combination of quinine-makers in successful operation within six months, as the quinine-makers abroad are disposed to be more charitable towards each other (sic!), and to come together on a plan of mutual protection. The American makers are to be included in the coming syndicate, which will be international, and include every maker in the world. As regards the works in the United States that have stopped manufacturing quinine proper provision will be made to their satisfaction, and with the view of allowing their quinine departments to remain closed.

The main purpose of the combination would be to curtail production, which has been carried on to an enormous extent. The annual consumption of quinine in the world is 7,000,000 oz., and it is desired beyond everything else to keep production within the consumptive limits. The consumption of cinchona alkaloids as a whole has decreased within the past two years on account of the substitutes, but the consumption of quinine has increased, principally because of the withdrawal from the market of cinchonidine, which it does not now pay to crystallise. There is more cinchonidine in the bark now used than formerly, owing to the South American barks being substituted by the Ceylon barks.

In Europe every manufacturer has his territory well defined, but in the United States the competition is between Zimmer, Brunswick, Gold and Silver, Mannheim, and Milan. The Mannheim has a certain outlet on the other side for quinine in small packages, and the average price received for it is about $\frac{1}{2}d$. an oz. more than for other brands, Howards get a special price in England and the colonies on the same merit as the P. & W. brand does in America. Pelletier receives an exceptional price for export, especially in South America and the West Indies, on account of the factory being long established. It is also protected by a duty of I2 francs being levied on all foreign quinine entering France. The Milan factory receives from the Government $5\frac{1}{2}$ c. per oz. on all the quinine exported, a bounty which is intended as a drawback for the duty which has to be paid on the kerosene. All foreign quinine pays a duty of 10 francs per kilo, in Italy. The consumption of quinine in Italy is 500,000 oz. per annum, and that of the Italian Government not over 15,000 oz.



Memoranda for Correspondents.

Always send your proper name and address: we do not publish them unless you wish: if you do not, please use a distinctive nom-de-plume.

Write on one side of the paper only; and devote a separate piece of paper to each query if you ask more than one, or if you are writing about other matters at the same time.

If you send us newspapers, please mark what you wish us to read.

Ask us anything of pharmaceutical interest: we shall do our best to reply.

Before writing for formulæ consult the last volume, if you have it.

Letters, queries, &c. will be attended to in the order received.

Liquor Ammoniæ Acetatis.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will allow me to point out an error which Mr. Proctor has fallen into it his paper on "Liq. Ammon, Acet.," published in your last issue.

Mr. Proctor gives 1.015 as the sp. gr. of the B.P. solution; as a matter of fact neither Mr. Proctor nor the B.P. is correct, the real sp. gr. being practically 1.018. Mr. Proctor's error is due to the fact that he dilutes the stronger solution of the B.P. with 5 volumes of water, whereas the Pharmacopæia directs 1 volume to be diluted with water sufficient to produce 5 volumes.

Yours faithfully,

17 Bull St., Birmingham, April 2. R. A. CRIPPS.

SIR,—Mr. Proctor has fallen into a strange error, which mars his paper on liquor ammoniæ acetatis and detracts largely from its value. He says that the 3 pints in the formula for the stronger solution are equal to 18 pints of the dilute or normal solution, and that 1 pint of the latter represents 376 grains of carbonate of ammonia, while the fact is that the 3 pints only make 15 of the dilute liquor, each of which is equivalent to 452 grains of carbonate of ammonia. Owing to this error the specific gravity which he gives is not that of the B.P. liquor. Neither can he be said to have correctly determined the specific gravity of the stronger solution, for, judging from the only detailed experiment given, the carbonate of ammonia used was not quite up to the B.P. standard. He has also failed to show any good reason for making the base the starting-point and standard constituent for preparing the solution. As to the comparative ease of estimating the carbonate by the method indicated, it is difficult to understand how anyone can tell the ammonia value of this compound by merely looking at it. Such a proceeding could only be called guessing. In constructing the formula for liq. ammon. acet. fort. there has apparently been some confusion, which the article referred to does not tend to clear up. Yours, &c.,

Edinburgb, April 3.

C. A. MACPHERSON.

Patent Medicines in Ireland.

SIR,—In reply to "Repeal," be will find the Medicine-stamp Act in Newbery Catalogue, 1889. He will see Ireland is entirely omitted—England and Scotland, with their capitals, are only mentioned. Why I am unable to answer correctly, unless Great Britain and Ireland bave always enjoyed their medical and pharmaceutical legislation at separate intervals.

With regard to the sale of patents iu Ireland, almost all English patents are stamped. Most of the American patents are sold without stamps. The latter are imported, viâ Liverpool, in original consignments to the Irish wholesalc bouses, and then distributed by them over the country at a slightly lower price thau they can be bought in London. I believe that an English firm can import any of their own preparations unstamped, provided they send them direct to Ireland with one of their own employés, but, of course, could not send them for enclosure to London or provincial wholesale houses in Great Britain. Very few English proprietors take any notice of this, or probably are not aware of it. I bave met celaudine, and some other English corn cures, un-

stamped, and for many years have sold Fellows's Syrup, Safe Cure, Kidney Wort, St. Jacob's Oil, and lately "Sequah's" preparations, unstamped. Fellows's Syrup has an extra label attached, stating that if unstamped it is 3s. 6d. All others bring the full retail price if the customer is unsophisticated or "green" enough to pay it. In large towns "cutting" is known, but not to so keeu an edge as in England.

The sale of patent medicines in Ireland is very considerable, and they are well pushed by English and American firms, the Irish papers making much out of their advertisements. Irish chemists put up their own specialities, "none daring to make them afraid"; neither do they pay any licence to retail stamped medicines, but beyond a local, and almost personal, sale, these are not much known. How, when, and by whom a Patent-medicine Act and licence will be applied to Ireland the future historian may note. Yours, &c.,

April 1. Scot Abroad. (20/12.)

[Makers of patent medicines in Great Britaiu may consignatheir products to agents abroad without stamping them, but if they sell them the goods must be stamped. There is no reason, therefore, why the Irish people should be compelled to contribute to this tax; they are specially exempted from it, and a judicious business arrangement amongst wholesale firms or the makers would make the matter right.—ED, C. & D.]

Check upon Returns.

SIR,—The plau I adopt, and which answers pretty well, is to enter every article and amount into a book provided for the purpose, and a double check is never to allow more than a few shillings to remain in the till, especially as tills are sometimes carried off bodily.

Another good plau, but which is troublesome when busy, is to give each customer a receipt for amount spent. A book with sheets of perforated discs and carbou paper underneath is all that is required. This check is in force in many large ready-money businesses, and answers admirably.

Physostigmata. (249/15.)

Use of Potassium Permanganate in Making Distilled Water.

SIR,—I find in your last number a letter from Mr. Thos. Maben calling in question the utility of the process given at page 31 of "The Art of Dispensing" for the preparation of pure distilled water by the addition of sulphuric acid and permanganate of potasb to the still-charge. I bave used the process for several years, and repeated tests have never shown the presence of a trace of (1) ammonia, (2) nitrites, or (3) chlorides in the distillate since its adoption; and I may add that it is practically unnecessary to reject the first runnings, though this is done to secure cleanliness in the worm tube. I do not use the continuous process, nor bave I any experience in the employment of it. The water I use is that supplied to the town from the river Severn, which varies in hardness from 5° to 12° Clarke, rising occasionally to 16° in summer. My still holds 20 gallons, and I add to the charge $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of concentrated sulphuric acid and 40 grains Yours, &c., of potassium permanganate. THOS. P. BLUNT. Shrewsbury, March 30.

Commercial Euonymin.

SIR,—When "Dum Spiro Spero" says that the colouring-matter of green euonymin is not soluble in alcohol he refers, I suppose, to his own sample. He should not, therefore, state this fact as a general law, because my euonymin does give up its colouring-matter to alcohol, and it is without doubt due to chlorophyll. Allow me to refer bim to The Chemist and Druggist for February 23, page 267, in which it is stated, "In the preparation of green euonymin means are taken to retain in the finished product the colouring-matter of the shrub bark, which is very green, whereas the root bark is yellow in colour."

Faithfully yours,
Wandsworth, S.W., April 1.

A. PERCY SMITH.



Cheap Soap Liniment.

SIR,—The following formula has been used by myself and predecessor for over three quarters of a century. It remains quite bright to the last:—Dissolve 12 oz of soft soap in 4 lbs. of boiling water, in another jar dissolve 3 oz. camphor, 1 oz. ol. origani, 1 oz. oil rosemary in 3 lbs. of spirit. When dissolved mix the two solutions.

Yours,

Isonia. (22/7.)

H. E. J. (20/64.)

The Cultivation of Mint.

SIR,—For some time past great interest has been shown in the cultivation of herbs in this country, and it may interest some of your readers to know the following. I examined two pieces of ground where mint for menthol had grown last year, and, for some reason which I am not at present able to fathom, there was hardly a root to be seen, except on the outside edges of the borders. I presume that having allowed the mint to grow to its full height of 3 feet 6 inches without cutting it until after it was in full flower, the plants had become so weakened that the roots could not stand the winter. I have always previously cut off the tops, and the plants have come up true the next year. 25 Lime Street, London, E.C.,

April 2. Thos. Christy.

The Medicine-stamp Acts.

SIR,—I beg to suggest that the Medieine-stamp Aets might be advantageously revised on the following lines:—(1) The wholesale dealer's lieence should be more than the retailer's. (2) A retailer having more than one place of business should be required to take a licence for each separate shop or store he may own. (3) All medieines which are retailed by the maker only should be exempt from duty. (4) All patent and proprietary medieines containing scheduled poisons should come under the regulations of the Poisons Act.

SIR,—The real grievance, in my opinion, is that we are liable to be dropped on at any time and told to pay up, or else look out for sorrow, if we happen to have a label with a hidden meaning in it which only the authorities at Somerset House ean interpret. I am not speaking of flagrant eases of evading the stamp duty. There may be such, but I have had fifteen years' roving as chemist's assistant, at home and abroad, and have never met with one. I think we have the remedy in our own hands a good deal. We should draw up ourlabels more carefully, bearing in mind the general meaning of the Act, and spend 2s. 6d. in Alpe's "Handy Book"; never draw up a label without it, and also revise our old stock of labels with its help.

In drawing up a label which is to be non-liable I attend to—first, avoid the possessive ease; second, avoid any recommendation which may imply prevention or eure; third, avoid any recommendation either by hand-bills, show-eards, or posters; fourth, if I am in any doubt, after consulting Alpe's "Handy Book," I send the label to Somerset House, and keep their decision in a handy place for reference at any time.

Yours truly,

H. E. C.

Economy of Light.

We have several letters following up "N. O. R.'s" ideas about the counter gas-jet. "N. O. R." himself states that he uses twine to tie the wrappers of bottles, and says that this is, perhaps, only applicable to poor districts. Mr. F. Cox takes an ordinary turned wood box, with a hole in the lid the size of a pencil; next makes three holes through a halfpenny, one in the centre to fit wax vestas, the other two for small nails, to nail the coin to the top of the lid. When in use, strike a vesta and put it into the centre hole, and it will burn sufficiently long to seal all necessaries for one bottle of medicine, and will do no harm in burning down to the metal. Vesta boxes with lids to suit Mr. Cox's idea are to be had. But are these contrivances worth the trouble? A small gas-jet burning all day cannot cost much more than a penny, and,

using one of Maefie's economical burners, a penny a week would almost cover the cost of gas for sealing purposes.

The Half-priced Closed Letter Company (Limited).—St. Andrew (16/23) and An Agent (20/72) write to us to express disapproval of the sheets now supplied by this eompany.

DISPENSING NOTES.

The opinions of practical readers are invited on subjects discussed under this heading.

Ext. Belladon. Liq.

SIR,—In reply to the query of A. G. Keith, I would beg to suggest that the doctor evidently intended extract, bellad, liq. as ordered to be dispensed; and I think the fluid extract U.S.P., valoid process, supplied by Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., should have been dispensed, insomuch that a short time ago the valoid fluid extracts of belladonna and hyoscyamus, were recommended in the *British Medical Journal* by Dr. Shaw, of Sheerness, and consequently would be noted by medical men. I invariably look well around and make several inquiries before substituting anything likely to drift business in the wrong direction.

Yours truly, A. B. (20/41.)

Fancied Conveniences.

SIR,—For the last week or two I have expected to see some eomments on Mr. Brown's addition to the armaments of pharmaey, and, as none have appeared, I venture to make a few remarks. To start with, I eannot see that the stoppered mixer scores any points over the ordinary half-pint measure as a dispensing convenience. The chief advantages which Mr. Brown elaims for his modification of some one else's suggestion is that it saves the imperfect rinsing out of the small measure (in eases of mucilage, &e.) with the menstruum; also that it prevents hard pieces of undissolved salts finding their way into the mixture. These are apparently the only points in favour of the mixer, and I think the same, and more beside, can be put to the credit of the measure; therefore, I will try to prove it. If a dispenser had to use 2 or 3 draehms of mucilage or glycerine, surely he would not measure it with the 10-oz. mixer. If not, then he is compelled to rinse his small measure, and one of the points in favour of the mixer is quashed. Agaiu, many dispensers make a rule of dissolving the salts of a mixture iu an open measure with the help of a stirring rod, straining the solution if necessary. As a result of experience, I have often found that no amount of shaking would dissolve a piece of hardened potassium eitrate, and, if such were the ease with the mixer, you would have to resort to a glass rod or strainer, so that the convenience is placed on the same footing as a eommon measure. Next follow two instances where the measure has a decided pull. I refer to a mixture containing a salt and senega or other saponaceous infusion. Which would be the best way to effect solution—stirring or shaking; and eausing a froth that would possibly take half an hour to subside? Also, which would cost most to replace in case of breakage—the elaborate stoppered concern or the eighteenpenny measure. Yours truly, Puff Box. (21/16.)

Suspending Bismuth Subnitrate in Mixtures.

SIR,—If your correspondent "Dispenser" again refers to my paper on this subject, as printed in your issue of March 16, he will find I stated that when using compound powder of tragacanth as a suspending agent for bismuth subnitrate, the best results are obtained by using only one-fourth part of it to each part of the bismuth. This I have proved from experiment. "Dispenser" says that in this proportion "the mixture soon separates, becomes perfectly curdy, and no amount of shaking can induce the faintest hope of ever again getting the bismuth diffused." I have not

found it so, even after the mixture has stood for several weeks. I mentioned that compound powder of tragacanth is preferable to mucilage of tragacanth, as the presence of sugar in it lessens the tendency of the bismuth and tragacanth to run into knots, while the starch being insoluble in water renders the sediment denser and more easily

"Dispenser" evidently forgets that in many cases of stomach disorders for which bismuth is extensively prescribed, gums are objectionable agents, and the smallest

quantity—if any—used the better.

As to glycerine, I should advise "Dispenser" to prepare mixtures of (1) bismuth subnit, and water, and (2) the same with glycerine, and judge for himself whether glycerine possesses any power of suspension. When shaken up it will be found that in the former mixture the bismuth subsides so rapidly that the patient caunot possibly pour out equal portions containing equal doses of bismuth, an objection which is entirely obviated by the presence of glycerine in the latter one.

"Dispenser" asserts that from a dispensing point of view the earbonate of bismuth is preferable to the subnitrate. Nobody disputes this, but so long as physiciaus declare the subnitrate more efficacions, from a medicinal point of view, we must adhere to the faithful dispensing of their prescriptious. Iu the analysis of 10,000 prescriptions dispensed by ehemists, as published by THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST in 1886, the subnitrate appears 266 times, while the earbonate only 68 Yours faithfully. times.

Obau, April 2.

SAMUEL LAWRENCE.

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES.

A large number of correspondents ask us for formula and other information already published in this journal. It is not fair to more careful readers that we should frequently repeat such information, and so long as the back numbers containing the formulæ or replies required are in print we must decline to do so. Back numbers of our weekly Essue can be obtained from the publisher at 4d. each.

Correspondents who have made inquiries regarding the following subjects will find the information in the numbers indicated.

19/66. Carbolic Tooth-powder.—August 9, 1888, page :202.

Colouring Billiard Balls.—October 22, 1887, 21/10. page 529.

16/13. Essence of Rennet.—September 22, 1887, page 388.

20/67. Arsenical Sheep-dips.—An article on the subject will be found on page 217 of our 1885 volume. Equal parts of arsenic and sulphur are used, and the same weight of size may be added.

20 67. Medical Works for Chemists.—Refer to the index of last volume.

Perfume Essences. — The correspondents who write regarding the formulæ given on page 399 will find the information desired in The Chemist and Druggist of February, 1885.

15/13. Physic.—(1) Yes, common parsley. Try Potter & Clarke. (2) Liquor epistasticus is apparently intended.

13/36. Vinum.—You caunot make the wine without taking out a licence, which will cost you 10%.

15/56. Quass.—Your questions are fully discussed in the "Art of Dispensing," to which we must refer you.

3/30. S. D. L. - The Meat Preserving Solution owes its action to bisulphite of lime, not to boric acid.

18/6. Morgan & Co.—There are a good many sheep-runs about Texas, we understand.

17,57. Leslie.—(1) We thank you for your suggestion, which has had our consideration before now. (2) The first fifteen sections of the Pharmaey Act do not "extend to or interfere... with the making or dealing in patent medicines." So that anyone can make such preparations with poisous. Of course the seller ought to label them " Poison, as the provisions of the 17th section as to labelling apply.

18/73. Tussis.—We have asked you for the complete formula; you simply name the ingredients.

Salix (4/16) sends us a bottle of Compound Syrup of Hypophosph. prepared by himself from the following formula:—

Ferri sulph		 • •	 gr. 32
Sodæ hypophos.	• •	 	 ,, 61
Potas, hypophos.		 • •	 ,, 64
Manganes, hypopho	S.	 	 ,, 32
Quininæ hypophos.	• •	 	 ., 20
Acid. hypophosphor		 	 m30
Aquæ dest		 	 3vi.
Scchar alb		 	 3vj⋅

Dissolve hypophosphites in part of water, and ferri sulph. last, dissolved in remainder, boil and filter on to sugar while hot.

Liq. strychninæ 3j. to every živ. of syrup when completed.

"Salix" has generally boiled the whole for a short time afterwards to dissolve the sugar; after standing for some time, however, stellate acicular crystals are formed. He asks, "Is this the quinine thrown down?"

[The tufts of crystals which are deposited are a mixture of sulphate and hypophosphite of quinine. The amount of acid in the syrup is not sufficient to keep it in solution. No syrup of hypophosphites containing sulphuric acid is ever satisfactory, because, sooner or later, the sulphuric acid is reduced by the hypopho-phorous acid, so that the syrup acquires an odour of sulphuretted hydrogen. The best way to improve the above formula is to double the quantity of hypophosphorous acid. The B.P.C. formula is a better one.]

15/66. W. H. M.—You cannot remove the odour from petroleum completely. Agitate first with an acidulated solution of potassium permanganate, then with sulphuric acid, and, lastly, wash with water. Eveu after this is done an odour remains. You had better use citronella oil without the purification.

8/28. Aqua.—You have not used sufficient of the Soluble Essence of Ginger to each gallon of syrup, and you require to add a little flavouring to it. The following is a good formula:-

Soluble essence of ginger 18 oz. 1 drachm Essence of vanilla Tincture of fresh lemon peel 1 oz. capsicum .. 4 drachms . . Burnt sugar .. 3 Mix, and allow to stand till clear.

Transparent Chlorodyne.

SIR,—The following is a formula for transparent chlorodyne, which I think will suit an inquirer in your issue of March 23:-

Morph. by drochlor. .. gr. 16 Sp. rectif. .. 3i. 3v. 3iij. Tr. cannab. ind. . . mvj. Ol. menth. pip. Tr. capsici .. mxx. ٠. 3ivss. Chloroformi ... Ac. hydrocyanic. dil. .. 3j. 3iv. 3ss. Glycerini

Dissolve the morphine in the spirit, and add the tineture of Indian hemp and the other ingredients in their order.

Beverley, March 31.

Yours respectfully, Hy. G. Woodliffe.

- 19/50. G. and K.—Income-tax Repayment Agency, 25 Colville Terrace, Powis Square, W.
- 19/33. Vet.—You will get all information regarding the Edinburgh veterinary eolleges and eurriculum in The Chemist and Druggist, September 22, 1888.
- 19/32. Country Chemist.—We recently had replies to the same inquiry. Breflitts and other glass manufacturers who advertise in this journal will supply you.
- 19/35. Scalp.—For **Scurf** in the **Beard** you should give a weak acetic acid hair lotion. Insist on scrapulous eleanliness (the hair should be cut short), and if the system requires toning give Easton's Syrup.
- 18/2. Henrieus.—Dr. Gordon Stable's "Hints about Home and Farm Favourites" (F. Warne & Co.) gives sound information regarding dogs.
- 20/73. Ajax.—There were names of 13,812 ehemists and druggists on the register on January 1 of this year. But as these include a large number of qualified assistants, partners, and persons otherwise engaged, a large number must be deducted from this total to get at the actual number of chemists' businesses in Great Britain. According to the last returns (1887–8) there were 20,072 licensed dealers in patent medicines in England and Wales, and 1,528 in Scotland, at 5s. each. The revenue raised by the sale of stamps amounted to 191,4751.
 - 248/24. W. B. B.—It is impossible to say.
- 250/37. Seabreeze.—Further examination of your ointment shows the absence of metallic salts. It is made apparently with fresh butter and wax, four parts of the former and one of the latter. The colouring matter appears to be alkanet. It does not resemble Date's ointment.
- 246/60. G. W. B.—We do not have formulæ for the essences, but presume that a mixture of eochineal colouring and weak syrup suitably flavoured with the artificial essences of raspberry and strawberry would produce them. We have not examined the preparations to which you refer. See DIARY, page 256.
- Palmyra (1/7) and Veterinarian (256/51).—The constituent parts of the powders which you send cannot be identified with certainty.
- 4/65. Sparrow.—Neither of the samples contains strychnine or perchloride of mercury.
- 6/4. J. S. Oldham.—The **Powder for Rheumatism** which you send is 10 grains of saeeharated earbonate of iron.
- 9,38. A. F. C.—Sachet Perfume.—The following is for rose saehet:—Powdered orris, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.; rose leaves, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.; ground sandal wood, 4 oz.; patchouly leaves, 2 oz.; extract of eivet, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; oil of rose geranium, 30 minims; otto of rose, 20 minims. Break up the leaves, and mix the whole together. The oils and extract should be mixed with the powders previously.
- 10/65. Dental.—(1) The General Medical Council meets some time this month, we believe, but you can ascertain by writing to the Registrar, 299 Oxford Street, W.
- 10/3. Beverage.—Hop Ale.—Try the following formula:—Hops, $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb.; eoriander seeds, 1 oz.; water, 8

- gallons; boil for 10 or 15 minutes and strain; again boil with the same quantity of water and strain, mixing the strained liquors while hot with 24 lbs. of golden syrup. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. of essenee of pineapple, 1 oz. of tineture of eapsieum, and 20 gallons of water. Mix the whole well with $\frac{1}{2}$ a pint of yeast, and allow to ferment in a moderately warm place for 24 hours. Then bottle, and allow to "ripen" for a week before using.
- 13/35. W. Simpson.—Picealilli.—Take a white cabbage (hard), 2 eauliflowers, some Freneh beans, a stick of horseradish, 24 small white onions, 12 gherkins. Suitably prepare the eabbage, cauliflower, and horseradish, and pour boiling brine over the whole of the ingredients. Strain next morning, and add the following:—Curry-powder, 2 oz.; garlic, ginger, and mustard seed, of each, 1 oz.; capsieum, ½ oz. Fill up the jar with hot pickling-vinegar, elose, and allow to stand for a month before using.
- 15/70. R. W.— "The Farmer's Veterinary Adviser" (Nimmo, 10s. 6d.) is a very useful book for ehemists to have by them to refer to regarding all veterinary matters.
- 15/30. J. II. Beard.—(1) We have no precise information regarding the composition used by London butchers for removing the hair from ealves' heads, but have heard that it is milk of lime fresh made, and used warm. (2) Liquor Copaibæ Alkalina (Frank's Solution).—Copaiba, 2 parts; solution of potash, 3 parts; water, 7 parts. Boil for a few minutes, put into a separator, and allow to stand for about a week, by which time the mixture separates into two portions. The lower, or aqueous, portion is to be drawn off earefully from the upper oily one, and 1 part of fresh spirit of nitrous ether added to it. A little solution of potash will restore the brightness.
- 15/71. S. C. M.—Judging—from what you say, we should think that you have not been sufficiently careful in observing the B.P. temperature for making **Linimentum Saponis**; it should not exceed 70° F. Or, if you have used odd bits of soap, which are generally too dry, that will explain the deposition in the finished liniment after storing. You should conduct the maceration at as low a temperature as possible—in your store-room, for example.
- 15/12. Ajax.—Your Dentists' Modelling-wax has a melting-point of 53° C., and is apparently composed of paraffin, resin, and a fixed oil. Try the following proportions:—Hard paraffin, 3 parts; resin, 1 part; clive oil, 2 parts (or a sufficiency); rose pink, in fine powder, a sufficiency. Melt and mix. As paraffin varies in melting-point, you must adjust the quantity of olive oil to suit it.
- 17/20. T. Perkin.—The following formula for Friar's Balsam is from a manuscript recipe-book, about a hundred years old. It must not be confounded with compound tineture of benzoin, which is the Friar's Balsam now recognised—

Gum. benzoin .. Bals, Peruvian. šj. . . ٠. .. Aloes Socot. 388. Gam. myrrhæ 7ss. ., oliban. 3ss. .. Bals. tolutan. 3j. .. Spirit. vini rect. Thiiss. Macerate for eight days and strain.

16/10. W. F.—Assay of Tincture of Opium.—The simplest method is that devised by Mr. F. W. Fletcher (this journal, February 16, page 239). This gives the total alkaloids—about 5½ per cent.—which may be taken as strong evidence that the morphine strength of the tineture is what it should be. To estimate the morphine only evaporate 1 oz. of the tineture to the consistence of a syrup, add 15 grains of slaked lime, and an ounce of water. Heat for an hour and filter, washing the filter with warm water until the filtrate is

nearly colourless. To the filtrate add 40 minims of rectified spirit, 2 drachms of ether, and 16 grains of ammonium chloride. Shake occasionally in the course of two hours, then set aside for twelve hours; collect the crystals of morphine on a tared filter, wash with a little ether, dry, and weigh.

17/46. R. B.—We regret that we cannot at present give you the information you require, but we shall keep the matter before us.

Gravy Salt.— $R.\cdot B.$ (46/17) sends the following in reply to a request made some time ago:—"Granulate salt by heating on an iron plate over stove, stirring constantly, and at the same time dredging with powdered sugar until a rich brown is produced. A little cayenne may be added, and a trifle of garlic."

20/51. H. E. C.—(1) Yes; if the extract of nux vomica yields you an opalescent tincture, filter. This shows that the extract has been made with a stronger spirit than should be used, consequently the fat of the seed has been dissolved. (2) Our experience with commercial citrate of bismuth is similar to your own; it is apt to yield a Liquor Bismuthi of a distinct straw colour. Note, however, that a decided excess of ammonia should be used, and that it takes about fifteen minutes before it exerts its full solvent influence upon the citrate. We get the best results by using freshly precipitated bismuth citrate. The addition of 10 grains of ammonium citrate and 40 minims of rectified spirit to each ounce of the preparation greatly improves its keeping properties; so modified, the solution never developes a fungus, nor does it become milky. See paper in The Chemist and Druggist, January, 1886, page 17. (3) Decoct. Sarsæ Co. A formula for preparing this from the fluid extract will be found in our issue of July 23, 1887, page 108.

20/71. Cera.—The best Solvents for Orange Sheliac are alcohol (methylated spirit) and a hot solution of borax. The wax and gluten do not dissolve in the former, but a clear solution may easily be obtained by subsidence and filtration.

20/50. J. E. Aleoek.—Jeyes' disinfectant is the subject of a patent, and is made by treating coal-tar with an alkali. It is understood not to contain phenol.

20/63. Inquisicive.—(1) We do not know what the cakes are flavoured with. (2) We have the ink under investigation at present.

19/39. T. F. E.—Wire blinds are lacquered to prevent them from rusting. It is difficult to renew the lacquer without the aid of heat. Try a weak sandarac varnish, 1 in 10 of benzol.

19/30. A Voice from the East.—See recent issue for Warburg's tincture. We have not a formula for tincture of quinoidine. The ague speciality is given in our issue of July 21, 1888, page 77.

20/24. J. L.—The first we do not know. Hibbert's Antiseptic Medicine is a saturated solution of magnesium chloride, about 75 per cent.

20/9. Wilts.—Hot-water bottles should stand boilingwater. We have not a reliable formula for a cement to prepare them.

20 18. *Phwnix*.—We have no experience with Baker's preparation, and are not, therefore, in a good position to further advise you. How did you make your solution? If it is neutral it should not rust iron vessels kept in its vicinity.

21/1. H_2S .—Wills's "Elements of Pharmacy" will cover the requirements of the Bell Scholarship examination.

Syrupus Picis, U.S.P.—Several correspondents ask for the formula of this preparation, which is as follows:—

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Pour the cold water on the tar, and stir occasionally in the course of twenty-four hours: then pour off the water, and throw it away. Pour the boiling water upon the residue, stir the mixture briskly for fifteen minutes, and set it aside for thirty-six hours, stirring occasionally. Decant the solution, filter, and in 17 oz. of the filtrate dissolve the sugar.

Several correspondents, apparently apprentices, ask for information but do not send their uames. We do not reply to anonymous correspondents.

LEGAL QUERIES.

21/19. A. B.—The Pharmacy Bill will not affect you. Should it pass this session it will not become operative until January 1, 1894.

21/43. Querist.— The Government stamp does not protect the label on a medicine. This can only be done by registering it as a trade-mark. How this is done is explained in the DIARY 1888. "The Art of Pharmacy," reprinted from the DIARY 1887, can still be had, price 1s.

20/60. Ozone says he has had a prescription to dispense as follows:—

He asks:—Could the proprietors of Condy's Fluid take action if a solution so labelled were dispensed? Certainly they could, if, as we believe to be the case, they have registered the title "Condy's Fluid" as a trade-mark.

Information Wanted.

[Replies to the following requests are solicited by correspondents of The Chemist and Druggist.]

18/15. Powdered malt of a good white colour. Where obtainable.

18/59. Newsome's Cordial, as made in Leeds. Will some reader please oblige with the formula.

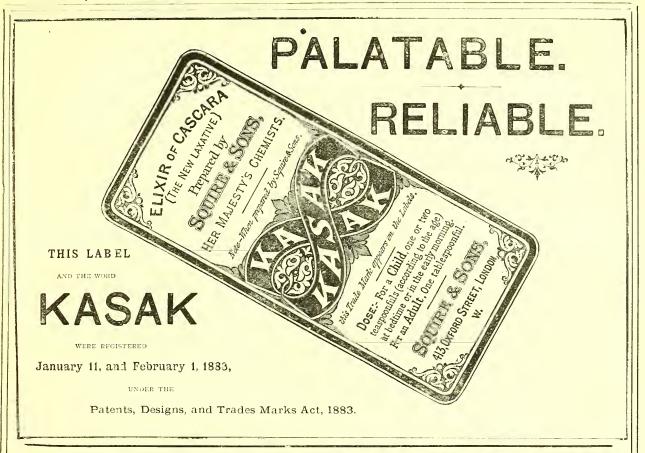
16/10. Matting acid. How is this made. Give proportions of the hydrofluoric acid, ammonia, &c.

10/65. What is "Black friend," as used by brewers for clarifying beer?

10/65. Spanish clay, used for refining beer, where obtainable?

It appears that the motion with regard to patent medicines placed on the order paper of the House of Commons by Mr. C. W. Gray, M.P. for Essex (Maldon Division), and worded, "To call attention to the sale of patent medicines and move a resolution," has been withdrawn for the present session.

Our Lobby Correspondent, who asked Mr. Gray for some details of the subject of his motion, and the reason of its withdrawal, was told by the hon member that he did not wish to give any information as to the object or meaning of his motion, or, in fact, to say anything at all about the matter until he again puts down his motion, which he apparently intends to do next session.



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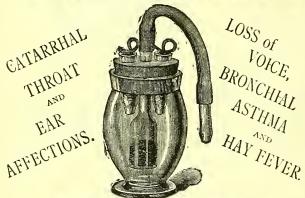
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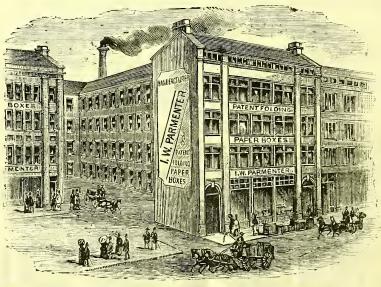
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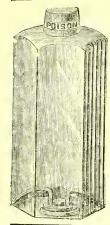
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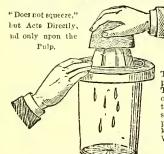
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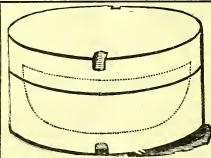
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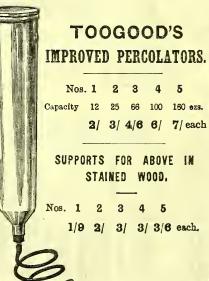
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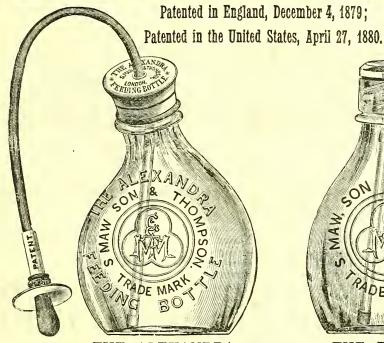
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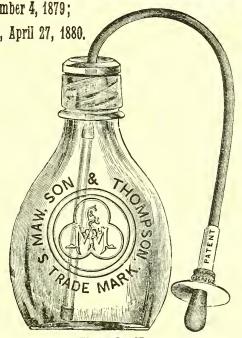
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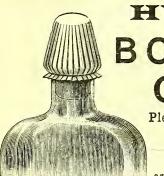
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and cattle, and who by their skill in the selection of sires have brought their flocks and herds to the very acme of perfection, should have been so indifferent as to the breeding of horses. Yet such is the fact. In many instances the small farmers are really the breeders, keeping a mare to "do their work and rear a colt most years;" the colt being sold to a large farmer or grazier in the autumn. Hence it is that a small price is paid for a stallion's services; thus only securing a second or third rate sire.

In difficult cases of foaling it is always much better to obtain the aid of a qualified practitioner, than resorting to some of the plans adopted in country places of calling in the village leech, or by violent means attempting to relieve the mare, which often results in the loss of her foal or herself, and too often of both.

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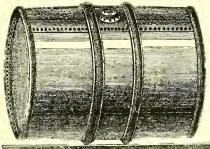
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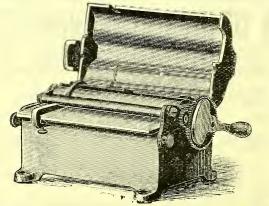
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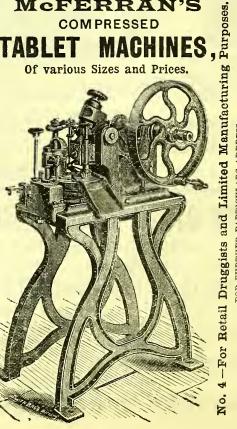


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This figure will be admitted to be a charming novelty, bound to assist and increase the sale of this now popular brand of Menthol. Special Parcels (as below) have been arranged, so as to suit all classes of trade; it will also be seen that a large order is not necessary to obtain a figure, one being given with a 25s. Parcel, or two with a 40s. Parcel. A packet of advertising cards, new and attractive, is also sent with each order, so that every effort is made to assist the retailer in obtaining a quick and ready sale.

PARCEL 1. 25/-

				3,	α .
4	dozen	2 <i>d</i> . re	ealisin	g 8	0
1	,,	3d.	,,	3	0
2	,,	$3\frac{1}{2}d$.	19	7	0
3	,,	4d.	11	12	0
2	"	6d.	59	12	0
				1.9	0

Thus making a profit of 17/- on an outlay of 25/-=68 per cent.

PARCEL 2. 25/-

4 d	lozen	6d.	realising	24	0
2	*>	4 <i>d</i> .	,,	8	0
1	,,	1s.	23	12	0
				44	<u> </u>

Thus making a profit of 19/- on an outlay of 25/- = 76 per cent.

PARCEL 5. 40/-

				3.	d.
4	dozen	2d.	realising	8	0
2	32	3d.	,,	6	0
3	,,	$3\frac{1}{2}d$	• 99	10	6
5	,,	4d.	,,	20	0
4	>>	6d.	,,	24	0
					6
				00	0

Thus making a profit of 28/6 on an outlay of 40/- = 70 per cent.

PARCEL 8. 40/-

4 dozen	1/- re	alising	48	<i>d</i> .	
$\frac{1}{2}$,,	1/6	"	9	0	
2 ,,	9d.	23	18	0	
			75	0	

Thus making a profit of 35/- on an outlay of 40/- = 87 per cent.



CAUTION.

As other "Aids to Sell," that have been introduced from time to time for Shirley's Menthol, have been studiously copied by houses who appear to lack orginality, it is expected that this figure will share the same fate, therefore the Trade are asked kindly to state distinctly

SHIRLEY'S A1 BRAND

when ordering, so as to avoid mistakes.

A1 COCAINE AND MENTHOL TOOTHACHE TUBE.

12 on a Card. 3/6 dozen.

This sells well wherever introduced; if you have not had a dozen you cannot make a mistake in ordering a card.

PARCEL 3. 25/-

2 ,, 1s. ,,	24	0
1 ,, 4d. ,,	4	0
3 dozen 6d. realising	3. 18	d. 0

Thus making a profit of 21/- on an outlay of 25/-=84 per cent.

PARCEL 4. 25/-

1 doze	n 9 <i>d</i> . re	ealisin		<i>d</i> .
$2\frac{1}{2}$,,	1s.	53	30	0
$\frac{1}{2}$,,	1/6	£ 9	9	0
			48	0

Thus making a profit of 23/- on an outlay of 25/-=92 per cent.

PARCEL 6. 40/-

	٠.	10,		
5 dozen	6d.	realising	30	<i>d.</i>
3 "	40.		12	
$2\frac{1}{2}$,,	1 s.	11	30	0
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Thus making a profit of 32/- on an outlay of 40 - = 80 per cent.

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PARCEL 7. 40/-

4 ,, 4d. ,, 16 0 1 ,, 9d. ,, 9 0	
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2 ,, 1s. ,, 24 0	
73 0	

Thus making a profit of 33/- on an outlay of 40/- 82 per cent.

The Chemist and Druggist says: - "Mr. Arthur W. Shirley, of 30 Paternoster Square, has produced a very attractive biscuit-china figure, represented in the annexed engraving. The alvertisement is effective without being at all vulgar, and the little crier, we expect, will soon be a familiar figure throughout the country. It will be seen from his advertisement that Mr. Shirley offers to give one of these to any purchaser of 253, worth of his A1 menthol cones."

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